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Delegation of consumers headed by Mrs. Jeannette Turner of the Consumers Council is shown (left) marching through the 14 St. wholesale market in a protest against the black market in meat. Member of a delegation that demonstrated yesterday morning in the 14 St.

MARKET DEMONSTRATION



wholesale market are shown (right) talking to Max Korndum, one of the biggest independent slaughterers in the city. Delegation demanded that wholesalers stop playing ball with the black market and sell meat at ceiling prices.
—Daily Worker Photos.

Only The People Want It

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Republican Club have joined the National Association of Manufacturers in a demand that price control be killed outright.

The line-up in the fight on the OPA issue is now quite clear. It is the organs of Big Business and their political henchmen, mainly of the GOP, on one side, and the people, on the other.

Aiding and abetting the NAM - Republican line - up are the big cotton and tobacco interests of the South and their political agents, the Democratic poll-taxers in Congress.

It is a powerful combination, tough to beat. It will require all the energies of the people to see that it does not either kill OPA outright or put through the crippling amendments passed by the House.

Such demonstrations as the one called by the Communist Party at Union Square yesterday should be held in every community to stimulate the flow of letters, wires, delegations to Congressmen.

China Democrats Urge U.S. to Withhold Loan to Chiang; Fear Spur to Civil War

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China Democrats Ask U.S. to Withhold Loan

By ROB HALL

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The American government was urged by Chinese democrats to reject any request by Chiang Kai-shek for loans or other aid until a representative government is established in China, it was revealed today. The plea was contained

in a 500 word cable to the Congressional Committee to win the peace, headed by Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (D-Ill), and was signed by Chang Ian, chairman, and 28 other leaders of the moderate Chinese Democratic League. Chang was a member of the Chinese Delegation to the San Francisco meeting of the UN.

This expression of middle-of-the-road Chinese opinion has special significance today in view of reports that a \$2,000,000,000 loan for China is under consideration here.

BACK PEACE DRIVE

The Chinese democrats, in their message to the win-the-peace committee, pledged it their full support.

"We believe it is a great event concerning not only the foreign policy of your country for peace and democracy, but also a remarkable contribution to peace, democracy and welfare of the people throughout the world," they said.

"The people of the entire world must have peace. World peace lies in the cooperation of the two great nations, the U. S. and the Soviet Union. We are sure that the role they play is of tremendous importance."

LOANS YES, GUNS NO

The message praised the six principles of the win the peace committee as "permeated with a sense of fairness and justice that command worldwide respect." The Chinese

cited especially the congressmen's statement, "we favor large scale loans to all our allies but we oppose transfer of armies and ammunition for use in civil war or against subject peoples."

"Of most concern to us," they commented, "is to see how these principles would be shaped in the present foreign policy of your government toward China."

"The present political situation in China is very complicated. Peace in China has been menaced, and national unity has not yet been consolidated. The Chinese people have not yet been given a democratic way of life. Under such circumstances, any American help, though worthy of appreciation, would in actual practice only lead to an end entirely contrary to the original intent."

"The U. S. forces headquarters in China under General Wedemeyer, by transporting troops and munitions for the Chinese Government to Manchuria, have augmented the military hostilities in Manchuria."

"Thus a loan, instead of being beneficial to, would only hamper and jeopardize the reconstruction of the Chinese nation. It will increase the burden of and bring disaster to the Chinese people."

"China and the U. S. have maintained a long and deep friendship;

the Chinese people hope to obtain American help which will pave the way to democracy and peace for the Chinese people. The Chinese people are now fully equipped with a firm determination and the greatest vigor to win democracy and peace in China. We believe the peoples of China and America will fight shoulder to shoulder for world peace and democracy."

In addition to Sabath, the message was sent to the following representatives: Ed V. Izac (D-Cal), Cleveland M. Bailey (D-WVa), George Outland (D-Cal), John M. Coffee (D-Wash), Herman P. Eberharter (D-Pa), Adam C. Powell (D-NY), Ned Healy (D-Cal), Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY), Chandler R. Savage (D-Wash) and Hugh Delacy (D-Wash).

SIGNERS

Signers of the message included: Besingee Chang; Shen Chun-ju, Kuo Mo-jo, Lo Lung-chin and Chang Pei-chun, delegates to the Political Consultative Council; Li Teh-chuan, councillor of the Women's Fraternity Association; Prof. Ma Yin-chu, member of the Legislative Yuan; Mrs. Herman C. E. Liu, educator; T. H. Hwang, director of the China YMCA; Hsin Chis-chao, director of the Yunan YMCA; Liang Hsi, director of agricultural research at

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UN Gets Franco Question Today; National Demand for Break Rises

By HARRY RAYMOND

The 11-man United Nations Security Council will have before it at 3 p.m. today two specific propositions concerning fascist Spain's menace to international peace. They are: 1. The Polish resolution declaring the Franco Spanish regime a danger to world

security and calling on UN member nations maintaining diplomatic relations with that regime to sever them immediately.

2. The Australian amendment to set up a Security Council subcommittee to investigate the Spanish situation and recommend to the Council a course of action.

Whereas the Council delegates have stated the position of their governments on the Polish resolution during two days of debate, on April 17 and 19, with the line-up 7 to 4 against it and for further appeasement of Franco, it appears any immediate steps in the case will be in the form of action on the Australian amendment.

Both the London Labor Party

government and the Truman Administration, the only governments in the Security Council maintaining diplomatic relations with Franco, are bent on continuing these relations.

PROBABLE LINEUP

Poland, the USSR, France and Mexico—supporters of the original Polish resolution—unable to secure the seven votes necessary for immediate outlawing of the Franco regime, are expected to vote for the subcommittee investigation.

If they do, they will insist, with the majority of the democratic people of the world supporting them, that the subcommittee speedily gather the facts on Spain, present

them and that action be taken quickly. They will oppose attempts to use the committee probe as a screen for further appeasement of Franco.

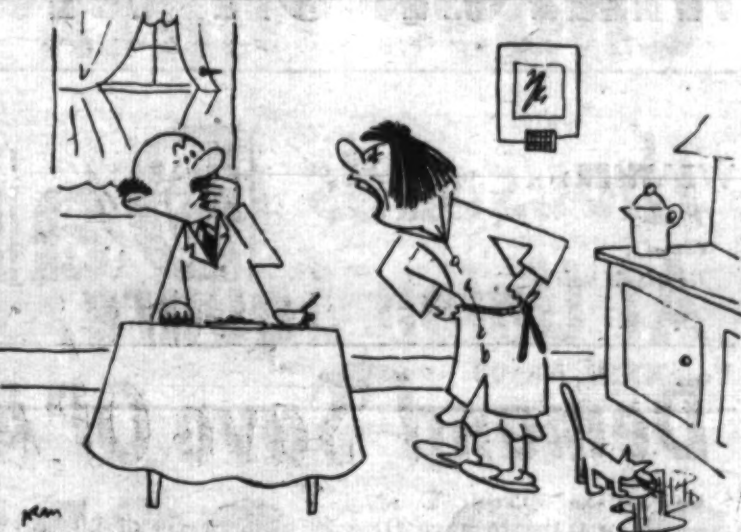
In an attempt to get agreement on the Australian amendment, with some slight changes, and avoid defeat of the Polish resolution at today's session, Henri Bonnet, French delegate, conferred with Polish delegate, Dr. Oscar Lange, in the morning. He also talked with Cadogan, Stettinius and delegates of Mexico and Egypt.

Bonnet expressed deep concern over United Nations disunity, which reached a new crisis Tuesday when the U. S.-British bloc, with Soviet

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DRAWING IT OUT

by Aram



Byrnes and Molotov In Paris for Parley

PARIS, April 24 (UP).—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Soviet Foreign Secretary Vyacheslav Molotov arrived today for a Big Four foreign ministers conference starting tomorrow on the drafting

of peace treaties with five Axis

satellites.

Obviously inspired press forecasts indicate that American and British delegates are determined to pursue their get-tough-with-Russia policy at the conference.

A furor has been created about the Soviet request for trusteeship over Tripolitania, Italian Mediterranean colony. Britain is worried about her Empire "life-line."

Byrnes, Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex), chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) ranking Republican member of the committee, and their advisers of the United States delegation arrived at Orly airport at 12:25 p. m. (6:25 a. m. EST.)

Byrnes made no comment. But Assistant Secretary of State James C. Dunn who awaited him here after wrangling for three months in London with other Allied deputies on treaty drafts, said of the prospects of an early agreement:

"I expect we shall agree on what we disagree upon."

The American delegates, after landing in President Truman's own plane "sacred Cow" went to their headquarters at the Meurice Hotel with American Ambassador Jefferson Caffery and started at once conferring with their big staff of advisers.

Molotov and his Soviet aides arrived at Le Bouget at 5:33 p. m. (11:33 a. m. EST) in four big planes. With Molotov was his ace assistant under Foreign Secretary Andrei Vishinsky. Undersecretary V. G. Dekanozov arrived yesterday. It required 13 automobiles to take the Soviet delegation to their headquarters.

Luxembourg Palace Ready for Parley

By DEREK KARTON

PARIS, April 24.—All has been made ready at the historic Luxembourg Palace, home of the French Senate, to receive the peace conference. It has been announced that the talks will take place behind closed doors and beyond occasional short communiques, there will be no press service for the benefit of the scores of journalists who have arrived in Paris from the four corners of the earth.

Washington and New York press comments, widely quoted here, are attempting to censure the failure of the conference before it starts. Reports which are clearly inspired by the State Department talk of the impossibility of any agreement between the Soviet Union and the U. S., and the desirability of concluding separate treaties with the German satellite countries.

Byrnes appears determined to continue this week in Paris, the game he started in the Security Council in New York of talking tough to Russia and treating her as if she were an interloper in world affairs with no right to take any interest in what goes on outside her own borders. If Byrnes brings this mentality into the conference room with him on Thursday, talks are indeed doomed to failure.

ALP Parley on Schools

Democracy in Our Schools will be the subject of a meeting held Monday, April 29, at P. S. 241, President St., near Franklin Ave., under the auspices of the 11th A.D. Kings American Labor Party. Speakers include Councilman Eugene P. Connolly, Dolly Lowther, Fay Jaeger, Isadore Rubin.

Vandenberg Tips His Mitt on British Loan

By MAX GORDON

We can thank Sen. Arthur Vandenberg, the Republican brain-truster in matters of foreign policy for giving us a few fleeting glimpses of what lies beneath the surface of the British loan issue.

Sen. Vandenberg, who in pre-war times was the prophet of "isolationism" and during and after the war the master weaver of the anti-Soviet web, found it hard to make up his mind in favor of the loan.

When he finally did in a Senate speech Monday, just before he left with Secretary of State Byrnes for the Paris Conference, he won the plaudits of liberals and Wall Street reactionaries alike.

WANTS LEADERSHIP

Much of his speech contained the usual argument that the loan was needed to promote world trade, to rescue Britain from economic crisis and to provide us with additional

markets and employment. If that were the true purpose, there would be little objection. But note these choice passages from the Vandenberg speech, which reveal the real basis for the Michigan Senator's change of heart on the issue:

"If we do not lead, Mr. President, some other great and powerful nation will capitalize on our failure, and we shall pay the price of our default. . . . I want America to cling to leadership. I am unwilling to surrender leadership to any power which would take it from us."

What does he mean, and what connection has that meaning with the loan?

Sen. Vandenberg is obviously fearful that Wall St. will not be able to dominate the world. He sees a fight necessary for that domination. A fight against whom? There is only one nation he can, and does, have in mind—the Soviet Union. The loan is an instrument for U. S. struggle against the influence of the Soviet Union.

But the influence of the Soviet Union is not exercised through domination but through its pressure for national freedom. It is this that is the greatest threat to U. S. imperialist domination and it is this that Vandenberg proposes to fight through the loan to Britain.

How does the loan strengthen the U. S. in its fight for continued world "leadership"?

There can be only one way. That is by tying Britain to the U. S. in

its fight, by making it a satellite of American imperialism, a "junior partner."

Let's take another quote:

"Contrary to much fear that the loan will encourage the Socialist regime in Britain, the fact is that a failure of the loan can force—to put it mildly—unintended socialization at an emergency speed."

Remember, the loan is being granted to a so-called Socialist Government. Vandenberg is saying here that if we give this loan we can call the tune as far as British "Socialism" is concerned.

Finally, Vandenberg emphasizes heavily that the loan is not a precedent for any other loan and quotes the Senate Banking and Currency Committee to that effect. Why the emphasis? Because loans to nations that America cannot win to its anti-

Soviet course are already on the order of business. Those, the Senator believes, will have to be rejected.

There is this difference, too, between Britain and other nations like Yugoslavia, the USSR, etc., that are requesting loans. Britain is oppressor of half a billion people. It has an army of over 4,000,000 scattered throughout the world to maintain its oppression. A large part of the loan will be used to maintain that oppressive force. Not so with the other nations.

The main opposition to the loan does not, of course, come from those who are opposed to a course of American domination. As Hearst's Journal-American revealed yesterday, much of that opposition has precisely the same aim but wants to achieve it differently.

Chase Black Marketers to Cover

Thousands Rally At Union Square; Demand 'Save OPA'

By LOUISE MITCHELL

The fight to save OPA is "the battle of 90 percent of America against 10 percent," John Williamson, secretary of the Communist Party, yesterday told a Union Square price control rally. The committee in charge estimated 5,000 persons attended.

Calling for a tidal wave of organized protest from shops, trade unions and communities against the House massacre of price control legislation, Williamson denounced Big Business and its congressional stooges for heading the country "to the greatest economic crisis in history."

"They hope to kill two birds with one stone—pick our pockets, maintain high prices at home and compete more favorably in world markets," Williamson said. "By economic crisis, they hope to weaken labor and people's movements so that they can proceed unhampered in their drive to a war of aggression against the Soviet Union."

LEGAL ROBBERY

The action of the House was "the legalization of highway robbery on the part of all the trusts against all the people," declared Bob Thompson, chairman of the New York State CP. He asserted that the Big Business conspiracy was the greatest steal ever perpetrated. It was part of the maneuver to destroy the unions, beat down living standards and create a large army of unemployed, he declared.

"In the coming days the conspiracy can be defeated," said Thompson. "We must use this struggle as the starting point for a drive in the trade unions and communities."

Anger against the congressional henchmen is not enough, he declared. Instead, the fight to save OPA must "raise the understanding of the American people of the power drives of the Truman administration and leadership of the Republican Party."

TELL SENATE

The gathering unanimously endorsed a resolution on OPA demanding that the Senate Banking Committee pass real OPA legislation and that Truman veto any false measure.

A resolution on the food situation called for democratic distribution of available food, removal of Herbert Hoover as food ambassador, increase of the powers of UNRRA head F. H. LaGuardia, more funds to UNRRA and elimination of the black market.

Irving Goff, veterans director of the New York State CP, described the hardship of veterans leaving the service to find no clothes, homes or

jobs. He summed up the veterans' plight as "situation impossible."

Consumers didn't get a tax refund, June Gordon, women's leader, charged, "and now they are being asked to pay even more when OPA is destroyed."

'MONSTROSITY'

Bella Dodd, legislative director of the New York State CP, called for greater concentration on Senators so that "this monstrosity cannot pass." She said it was "up to people like you" to fight every step of the way to see that Big Business fails in its plan.

The attack on OPA is a move to continue profits, Hal Simon, trade union director of the New York State CP, asserted. "It is an attempt to destroy the labor gains won over the year and during the recent strike struggles."

Prices are high enough now, he declared. The proposed law will mean a 40 percent increase in the cost of living. He urged a great demonstration on May Day to "serve as a symbol that the people are in the fight to maintain their living standards."

Claudia Jones, writer on the Daily Worker, described the hunger of the people of Europe, Asia and Africa, demanding the removal of Herbert Hoover. Increased prices will fall even harder on the Negro people who have always paid more for inferior goods, she said.

William Norman, organizational secretary of the New York State CP, was chairman.

Roxas Leads Philippine Poll

MANILA, April 24 (UP).—Manuel A. Roxas maintained a lead of nearly two to one over Sergio Osmena tonight in the counting of votes cast yesterday in the election of the first president of the Philippine Republic.

Tabulation of votes in Manila and 18 provinces gave Roxas 119,013 votes and Osmena, 61,971.

Roxas, notorious collaborator, was permitted to re-enter public life on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's say-so. He is known to be the favored candidate of American imperialist interests, which want to maintain their grip on the Philippines. Osmena was backed by a democratic coalition, including the anti-Japanese guerrillas.

By ARNOLD SROOG

The city's black market in meat was in hiding yesterday as flying squads of police and Market Department inspectors followed by delegations of consumers and trade unionists swooped down on wholesalers in Manhattan and the Bronx. The policemen and inspectors,

operating in groups of three, examined and weighed meat entering packinghouses and being shipped out to wholesalers. They checked on 100 wholesalers in the 14th St. market and 43 in the Brook Ave. market in the Bronx.

Unconfirmed rumors said that much of the meat had been shipped out during the night.

MORE HONEST MEAT

As a result of the raid more meat was beginning to flow into the city's retail butcher shops although the supply was still far below normal.

Meyer Stern, regional director of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers, revealed yesterday that the major packing house plants were beginning to resume production as the black market was being closed down as a purchaser of live-stock.

For the past few weeks the major plants had been operating at approximately 15 percent of capacity.

The delegation that raided the wholesale markets in the wake of the police were sponsored by the UPW, the Consumers Council, the League of Women Shoppers and the American Labor Party.

'OPA MUST LIVE'

Women of the delegation of 50 that went to the 14th St. market carried placards saying: "OPA must live, or black marketeers will starve our children."

Mrs. Jeanette Turner, executive secretary of the Consumers Council, said that she had questioned some wholesalers on the source of their meat but they refused to divulge the information.

She said that some dealers told her that there was a conspiracy between the cattleman and the big packers to withhold meat and wreck the OPA.

The city's enforcement agents opened their raids on the markets at 5:30 a.m. in the Bronx market, swooping down on unprepared wholesalers. At 14th Street Market Department inspectors were on duty all through Tuesday night checking on shipments.

HOARDING

Many wholesalers, however, were reported to be piling up stocks of meat because of the enforcement drive and trade spokesmen said that as long as the campaign continued meat would be diverted to other cities.

Department of Agriculture inspectors and City Health Department aides were checking for meat entering the city to watch for meat without federal inspection markings. Acting Commissioner of Health Israel Weinstein announced that his meat inspection force had been doubled and repeated the Department's warning that uninspected meat was a menace to health.

\$6,000 FINE

In Federal Court in Brooklyn yesterday Louis Katz, 64, president of the County Meat Corp., was fined \$1,000 and placed on probation for one year by Judge Abruzzo. The firm was fined \$5,000. Katz

last week pleaded guilty to selling 8,817 pounds of beef to butchers at \$6.635 over ceiling prices.

A conference against the black market and to save OPA will be held at the Hotel Capitol at 8 p.m. tonight. The meeting was called by the UPW. Among the speakers will be Paul Ross, executive assistant to Mayor O'Dwyer and Davis J. Williams, District OPA director.

AFL Butchers yesterday called upon Mayor O'Dwyer and City Council members to go to Washing-

ton and fight for OPA. The request which came from Local 400 representing 2,800 butchers was also made of five Westchester County mayors and city officials.

Union organizer John Troco and three rank and fillers yesterday went to Washington to confer with Senators James Mead and Robert Wagner. Americo DeProspero, chairman of the Butchers Joint Board, called upon President Truman to veto any legislation which cripples the OPA.

O'DWYER TO HEAD PUBLIC SAVE-OPA COMMITTEE

"New York City faces ruin if OPA is killed," Mayor O'Dwyer declared yesterday as he accepted the chairmanship of the Citizens' Committee to Save OPA. The Mayor conferred with a delegation representing many labor and consumer organizations headed by Miss Helen Hall of the Henry Street Settlement.

O'Dwyer stated that the purpose of the organization is to organize the people's fight against any relaxation of the OPA regulations and to bring pressure to bear upon Congress to retain and strengthen OPA.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has been named honorary chairman of the committee and Paul Ross, the Mayor's administrative secretary, was assigned acting chairman during O'Dwyer's absence on vacation.

Ross announced that the committee is planning a huge rally of the people of New York to be held in Central Park in about two weeks.

Cigarettes Up 1/2c Pack; Seek Slow Death for OPA

WASHINGTON, April 24. — OPA announced today it was jacking up ceiling prices on cigarettes half a cent a pack. Price of individual packs would remain the same but where there is a special price for two packs, dealers will be allowed to raise the price one cent for the two packs.

Stores selling Camels, Chesterfields, Lucky Strikes and other "popular" brands at 14 cents a pack (not counting state or city taxes) and at 2 for 26 cents, will now be able to charge 27 cents for the two.

The so-called "economy" brands at 15 cents a pack and 25 cents for two packs, will be able to raise the price to 26 cents for the two.

OPA also removed price ceilings for surgical dressings.

SLOWER DEATH

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce, a bit more pliable than the National Association of Manufacturers, demanded of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee today that all price control be cut out by October 31, except for rents.

Yesterday, the NAM had insisted they be eliminated by June 30.

Sen. Hugh B. Mitchell (D-Wash),

DYNAMITE

Hercules Powder Co., subsidiary of the reactionary duPont trust, packed in a \$1,751,253 net earnings during the first three months of this year—and still climbing.

revealed in the course of the Committee hearing that the NAM had spent \$395,850 in propaganda against OPA.

Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D-NY), committee chairman, told NAM witnesses that he received 1,750 telegrams demanding extension of OPA without any amendment.

Save-OPA Postcards Sell Like Nylons

Organized consumers throughout the city reported yesterday that Save-OPA postcards seemed to be selling like nylons.

The experience of the West Side Consumer Council illustrates what is happening.

Three Council members set up a bridge table Tuesday at 110 St. and Broadway at about 1:30 p.m., but before the table was on its four legs dozens of persons crowded around to sign up.

Another union demand to save OPA came yesterday from Charles S. Zimmerman, head of Local 22, ILGWU. Speaking for 25,000 members, Zimmerman wired Senators Wagner and Mead that "Failure to continue effective price control at this time would open the way to runaway inflation and invite economic disaster."

SEN. PHIL I. BLUSTER

by Ajay and Abrashkin



U.S. Building Secret Air Base in Italy

STRATEGIC OUTPOST AIMED AT EAST EUROPE

The U.S. Army Air Force is secretly building a superfortress base on the southern Adriatic coast of Italy, facing the Balkans, the United Press reported yesterday. The project was started six months ago at Amendola, 10 miles northeast of Foggia. American personnel was briefed in top secrecy. No Italian civilians were employed. The 4,000 German prisoners-of-war used as laborers were closely guarded.

This furtiveness, according to UP, "was motivated by the delicacy of Anglo-American relations with Russia and Yugoslavia at the time."

Inasmuch as U. S. Army spokesmen have been claiming that all or most occupation forces will be withdrawn from Italy by September—of Anglo-American relations with and inasmuch as the project will not be completed until Sept. 1—the officers questioned had to admit that some long-range project is in view.

They thought that it might become "an American or Anglo-American outpost in the Mediterranean."

UP added that the base is "strategically located with respect to southeastern Europe."

Another alternative use of the field, UP said, would be as a base for commercial airlines. It will be recalled that the American-owned Trans-World Line recently secured a monopoly of Italian internal lines.

If this alternative is true—which is not likely because Amendola is far from any major city—the observers are asking why Army personnel is being used for private monopoly interests.

PRO-NAZI LINE EDITOR NAMED 'READER'S DIGEST' OFFICIAL

Reader's Digest has named as its production manager George T. Eggleston, former editor of Scribner's Commentator, the outstanding magazine which supported the pro-Nazi line during the pre-war period.

Eggleston's appointment was revealed in an announcement this week in a Gerald L. K. Smith publication, The Letter. Smith headed it "Good News." Smith described Eggleston as a victim of "great persecution."

"He was associated," The Letter said, "with Mr. Ralph Townsend, who was later imprisoned for his nationalist views."

"It is a matter of satisfaction to Washington nationalists that Mr. Eggleston now holds such an important position with what is probably the world's most influential publication, the Reader's Digest..."

Hit Move to End Welfare Council

Civic organizations yesterday protested the threatened dissolution of the Welfare Council, whose executive board was scheduled to discuss today whether it will cease operations by May 15.

The Council is the city's only coordinating agency. The Council may be forced to close down by the failure of 285 member agencies to contribute their \$300,000 total share of the agency's \$499,000 budget.

Among those who protested the imminent closing were Lawrence S. Greenbaum, chairman of the State Board of Welfare; City Councilman Stanley Isaacs and Walter W. Pettit, New School of Social Research.

Blame Big Steel For Coal Strike

By WALTER LOWENFELS

HAZELTON, Pa., April 24.—John L. Lewis opened the anthracite tri-district convention today with the charge that U. S. Steel dominates the soft coal operators and is refusing to allow agreement to the union's royalty plan for health and welfare.

Some 300 delegates representing 75,000 hard coal miners are meeting here to formulate demands for a new contract to replace the anthracite agreement, which expires June 1.

The day was devoted to speeches by Thomas J. Kennedy, UMW secretary treasurer, and Lewis. Resolutions embodying the miners' demands for wage increases, a health and welfare program and improved safety measures were not discussed.

Without mentioning the CIO by name Lewis promised full cooperation with the AFL in an extensive organizing campaign based on "maintaining free enterprise and not on foreign ideologies."

Except for a passing reference to the miners' need for improved living standards Lewis made no reference to the wage demands of the hard or soft coal miners, who have received no increase in rates since the war and face a drastic cut when the work week goes back to 35 hours.

He indicated that unless the anthracite operators, with whom he has cooperated on a speed-up in production, agree to the welfare royalty plan a hard coal strike will take June 1. The 25-day-old soft coal strike will continue, he declared, until the welfare royalty plan is won.

Social Aid Affair Sun.

The Upper Manhattan Committee of Russian War Relief, Inc., will launch its drive to secure part of the \$2,000,000 being sought nationally for medical aid to the USSR with an affair at Temple Bnai Israel, 149 St. West of Broadway, this Sunday evening at 6.

National Forests

Seven national forests, covering 8,500,000 acres of land, are located in New Mexico.

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By JOSH WHITE

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Negro-White Unity Spells 'Death to Jimcrow' Councilman Benjamin J. Davis and Councilman Eugene Connolly express this belief as they endorse the 10th anniversary convention of the National Negro Congress to be held in Detroit May 30-June 1.

Fight on Sales Tax Delays Hearing Date

By GERALD COOK

Faced with mounting opposition to the proposed doubling of the city sales tax the City Council majority yesterday postponed hearings on the new tax bills which had been set for April 30. The Council hearing will probably be held about May 15.

Seeking to blackmail the minority into supporting the measures, Council vice-chairman Joseph T. Sharkey charged the Council minority with "playing politics" with the tax issue.

Replying sharply, Mrs. Genevieve Earle, minority leader of the Council, pointed out that the Council minority had conducted much more of a fight to obtain additional state aid for the city than had the majority.

CANT DUCK BLAME

Mrs. Earle stated that the Council majority could not avoid the responsibility of these tax bills because they represented the city administration.

"If any members of the minority fail to support these bills, they will do so because of a strong and sincere conviction that the proposals are not sound," she added. "In no event will any member of the minority vote against the measures because of political considerations."

Communist Councilmen Peter V. Cacchione and Benjamin J. Davis issued a supplementary statement on the postponement and in reply to the charges of Sharkey.

INTIMIDATION

The majority statement was a clear attempt to intimidate the labor movement and the anti-sales tax forces into an acceptance of these tax bills, they said.

"How can Mr. Sharkey make such a statement when the New York City Democratic administration has the power to increase the real estate tax 28 points and thus raise an additional \$45,000,000?" they asked.

"We Communist Councilmen are opposed to the proposed increased sales tax because it falls heaviest on the workers, the masses of the people and the small business men."

"Along with our Labor Party colleagues we have repeatedly shown that money to raise the pay of civil employees could be raised by boost-

ing the real estate tax and through a vigorous fight to compel Gov. Dewey to hand over some of the money in the State Treasury."

SHARKEY THREATENS

Explaining the postponement move, Sharkey said:

"The hearing is being postponed to give all parties and groups in the Council more time to consider their duty regarding these tax bills. I warn everybody concerned that I am not going to ask members of the majority of the Council to supply the votes necessary to pass these bills unless we secure some support from the minority."

He also asserted that the defeat of the tax bills would deprive city employees of pay raises provided under the new budget.

HOLD CONFERENCE

At a Hotel Capitol conference on the sales tax called by minority councilmen, Councilmen Quill, Connolly, Cacchione and Davis, Quill retorted to the majority effort to blame the city's financial crisis on the opposition:

"If they give us the power, we'll show them how to raise taxes."

Quill warned that the sales tax issue, like the OPA fight, is most urgent to the workers. He sharply rebuked unions which shirk their obligation in these battles, devoting themselves entirely to contract issues.

Citing the successful campaign of city employees for higher wages at the recent budget hearings, Quill demanded "the greatest public turnout" at the May 15 tax hearings.

Hy Blumberg, Transport Workers Union legislative director, analyzed the tax situation and called for a special session of the State Legislature to divert funds to the city and to permit the city to levy taxes. He scored the Dewey program of reduction in real estate taxes and set as the goal for the progressives a 2.89 realty tax which, he said, would raise \$30,000,000 for the city's needs.

Kuhn, Like Franco, Not a Menace

FRANKFURT, April 24 (UP).—Fritz Kuhn, who once had ambitions to become Fuehrer of the United States, will be freed from an internment camp tomorrow to live as an ordinary German citizen.

In announcing Kuhn's release from the internment camp near Heidelberg, where the former German-American Bund leader has been held since his deportation to Germany last Fall, U. S. theatre headquarters said:

"He no longer is a threat to the security of the occupation mission in the United States zone."

Poland Gets \$90,000,000 Loan

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP).—The State Department announced tonight the extension of a \$90,000,000 credit to Poland.

The credit was divided into \$40,000,000, to be extended by the Export-Import Bank for the purchase of American locomotives and coal cars, and \$50,000,000 in Army and Navy surplus materials abroad.

The Department's announcement emphasized that the United States would not be justified in extending the credit "unless in so doing the American people could receive reassurance that free and unfettered elections will be held in accordance with the Yalta and Potsdam pledge."

Further, the Department said, the United States had required assurances that "commercial relations between the two countries can develop in accordance with the non-discriminatory principles of our economic foreign policy."

Lawyers Guild Urges U. S. Back Polish Move

The U. S. delegates to the United Nations Security Council should support the Polish resolution to outlaw the Franco regime, a National Lawyers Guild analysis of current Council activity declared yesterday.

The Guild statement holds that this stand would be in accord with the "letter and spirit" of the UN General Assembly resolution on Spain, and the logical conclusion of the U. S. delegate's remarks to the Council on April 17.

BROOKLYN National Recruiting Drive Pace-Setter Reports to the National Committee

MONDAY, APRIL 29th at 7:30 P.M.
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JOHN WILLIAMSON

National Secretary C.P.

Steve Nelson, Charles Krumbein, Bill Norman, and Betty Gannett have been appointed by the National Board as a sub-committee to receive and act upon the report at this meeting.

Councilman Peter V. Cacchione Will Induct New Members

Discussion on UNO and the Fight for Peace

ENTERTAINMENT

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Some of the Heroes Who Will Lead May Day Contingents

Every contingent of trade unionists in the May Day parade will be headed by uniformed vets. They are back in labor ranks. They fought fascism on the field of battle. They are fighting today to win the peace. Three and a half million trade union members served in America's armed forces. Here are just a few of these men who will march in the New York parade on May 1.

Leon Shlofrock was long an active member of the Fur, Floor and Shipping Clerks Union, CIO. He was a staff sergeant in the 8th Infantry

Division, wears the Silver Star for gallantry in action and the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action. His two battle wounds got him the Purple Heart and Cluster. Shlofrock led his squad in knocking out a group of Nazi pill boxes in Brittany.

Herbert Kurzer is manager of the fur floor boys and shipping clerks union. As a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne he jumped in Normandy six hours before H hour on D Day. He fought in Holland with the battered heroes of Bastogne. Wounded, he received the Purple Heart and for heroic achievement in action he wears the Bronze Star.

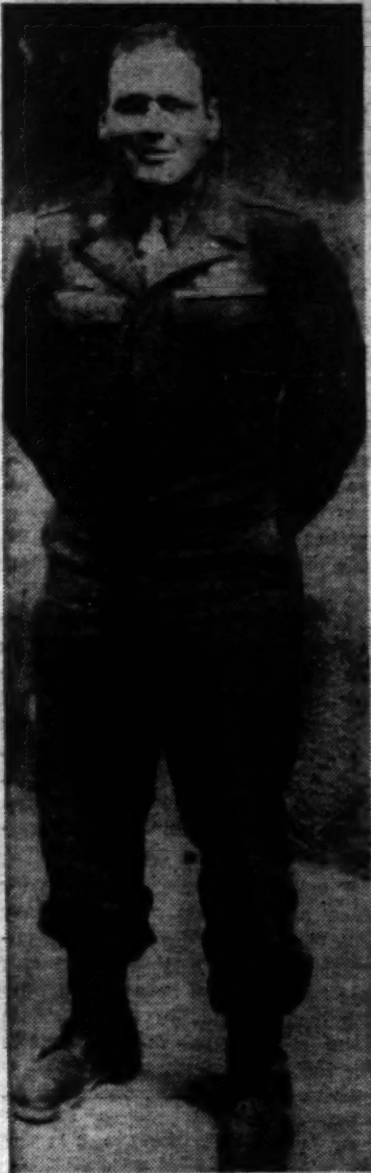
Sol Silverman, business agent of Local 76B, Furniture Workers Union, looks at the honor roll of men from his local who fell in action. As a radioman first class, Silverman served three years in the Navy fought on the USS Marblehead, has four battle stars and was in four invasions: Sicily, Italy, Southern France and Normandy.

Joe Sanchez of the same local fought from Italy to Bavaria. A staff sergeant in the 44th Infantry Division, he has a Purple Heart with cluster and the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action. He saw plenty of action getting five battle stars.

AIRMEN

Sol Malofsky is a leader of Local 65, Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Union. As a radio operator aboard a plane of the Troop Carrier Command he flew in the lead ship bringing the first paratroopers who dropped in Normandy before H Hour on D Day. The plane limped back to England on one engine. Malofsky's plane carried supplies to the besieged fighters at Bastogne.

Harry Reich, president of Local 39, Cooks and Pastry Workers, AFL, is a May Day sponsor and an air corps veteran. He served more than three years as gunner and radio operator.



S/SGT. HERBERT KURZER



S/SGT. LEON SHLOFROCK

CIO Union Asks End Of Immigration Bars

Two thousand members of the CIO Bedding, Curtain and Drapery Workers meeting here Tuesday night called upon the government to lift its immigration restrictions in order to provide a haven for those who seek entrance into the country.

"All immigrants contribute to our economy since they are consumers and producers and create jobs and wealth," a resolution passed by the unionists stated.

The union went on record "as opposed to any proposal that would further restrict or end immigration into the United States."

City Hearing April 29 On Tax Exemptions for Remodeled Buildings

The proposed law granting tax exemption for alterations on old-law tenements was referred to the City Housing Committee by the City Council yesterday. The Committee will hold a public hearing on the bill at City Hall on April 29 at 1:30 p.m.

The measure, authorized by recent State legislation, grants tax abatement and tax exemption for a period of 12 years on all repairs and alterations made on existing dwelling places. It provides a \$16 per room monthly rent, which is double the rent paid in public projects.

Peter V. Cacchione and Benjamin J. Davis, Communist Councilmen, called upon all labor, civic and veterans' groups to attend the public hearings on this bill. Cacchione, a member of the Housing Committee, charged that the bill was a concession to the construction firms who refused to build under the existing ceilings on rents.

NO JIMCROW BAN

The bill, presented to the Council by Joseph T. Sharkey, majority leader, contains no provision barring discrimination because of race, creed or color. It also lacks a clause granting veterans preference.

The Mayor councilman had urged the inclusion of an anti-discrimination clause in the proposed law. The text of the law follows:

"Urge inclusion in proposed law granting tax exemption for alterations and repairs on certain dwellings, a proviso against discrimination on account of race, religion or nationality. Such a provision is now settled policy of our city as expressed in law barring discrimination in tax exempt projects under housing redevelopment law.

"Unless such a provision is in-

cluded, a Negro veteran, for example, could be denied occupancy in a tax exempt dwelling which he, with other citizens, helps support by taxes. This would be taxation without representation and would deny opportunity for housing accommodation to those who are among the worst sufferers from the housing shortage."

N. Y. Shoppers Aid Health Bill

The New York League of Women Shoppers yesterday sent two representatives to Washington to testify in behalf of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell health bill at Senate Labor Committee hearings.

Mrs. Beatrice Jacobs, chairman of the League, told the Senate body the measure was essential for decent living standards. She pointed out that the bill would encourage more doctors to practice in rural and underprivileged areas.

James Ford to Speak at St. Paul

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 24.—James W. Ford, well known Negro labor leader and former Communist Vice-Presidential candidate, will be the main speaker at a rally, Friday, May 3, 8:00 p.m., at the Odd Fellows Hall, 156 W. 9th St. The meeting has been called by the Communist Party of St. Paul to observe the 60th anniversary of International May Day.

Public to Try Rankin At Detroit 'Rights' Parley

A Congressman, a minister, a Negro attorney, a veteran, a radio commentator, a Communist and other spokesmen for the American people will testify against the Wood-Rankin Committee on Un-American activities in a public hearing to be held in connection with the Congress on Civil Rights in Detroit this week-end. Milton Kaufman, secretary of the conference, announced yesterday.

William S. Gallmor, one of the liberal commentators attacked by the Un-American Committee, will act as narrator for the hearing at which witnesses will present a dramatic indictment of the Committee. Specific steps to bring about abolition of the committee will be planned by the meeting audience, which will include the approximately five hundred delegates from the two-day Congress on Civil Rights. The hearing is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Northern High School in Detroit.

Among the witnesses will be Congressman Hugh DeLoach, leader in the House fight for abolition of the Wood-Rankin Committee; Dr. Edward K. Barsky, chairman of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; Rev. Richard Morford, executive director of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship; and George Marshall, chairman of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.

Charles Houston, outstanding Negro attorney and member of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice until his protest resignation; Rev. Stephen H. Sledge, president of the National Bar Association;

Pritchman, editor of the Christian Register; and A. J. Isserman, counsel for a number of persons cited by the Un-American Committee, will also testify on the fascist nature of the committee.

Other witnesses will include Ira Latimer, director of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee who forced the arrest of Gerald L. K. Smith recently, and William L. Patterson, legislative secretary of the Communist Party of Illinois and former president of the International Labor Defense.

Called by a group of leading Americans from all fields and sponsored by numerous national and local organizations, the Congress on Civil Rights will open Saturday with a luncheon at the First Congregational Church.

Keynote of the conference will be "Defense Against the Enemy Within," with main sessions at the Macabees Auditorium dealing with the development of a national coordinated program to protect the rights of labor, to combat discrimination against all minorities and to safeguard and extend all democratic rights.

Principal speakers at the conference will also include R. J. Thomas, vice president of the CIO and of the United Automobile Workers, and Earl Dickerson, president of the National Bar Association.

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One Year After the Historic Meeting on the Elbe:

Torgau Hand-Clasp Still Key to Peace

There is a demolished bridge across the Elbe River at the little town of Torgau, Germany. At 1640 hours, exactly one year ago, three enlisted men and a second lieutenant of the U. S. 273d Regiment, 69th Infantry Division, scrambled up the girders of the bridge. Hands outstretched and smiles on their faces, they greeted a small group of men from the Soviet 173d Regiment of the 58th Guards Division.

The men of the U. S. First Army under Gen. Courtney H. Hodges and the men of the First Ukrainian Army under Marshal Ivan S. Konev clasped hands. The United States Army and the Red Army had made their historic junction.

When the news finally broke, a few days later, everybody realized that Hitler's goose was cooked, despite all his talk about a "redoubt." The Red Army had already encircled and penetrated deep into the Reich capital, Berlin.

That meeting on the Elbe ended a fighting march of 1,400 miles for the Red Army from Stalingrad. It ended a 700-mile advance for Americans from the beaches of Normandy. While millions of men began to sweat out the Pacific, never were GI hopes higher since Dec. 7, 1941.

American hopes rested on the combined military efforts of theirs and the Soviet armed forces. Typewriter generals can rewrite the history of the war and phony psychologists can tell us what the GI really believes. But this is for sure: during the early months of 1945 there was one question the doughboys, tankers and other combat men were asking. From the Ardennes to Alsace-Lorraine the GI questioned: HOW FAR ARE THEY NOW? And he meant just one thing. How far have the Russians advanced? We were pushing east, the Russians were pushing west. It was that one-two punch which doomed Hitler. The meeting at Torgau was the pay-off.

The enemies of America were always opposed to Soviet-American co-operation. But it was that co-operation which spelled victory for our country. And right then and there, on April 25, 1945, the issue was spelled out for anyone to read: America needed friendship and co-operation with the Soviet Union. Our enemies hoped for a split. Our alliance with the

Soviet Union doomed America's enemies. But America's enemies did not



Celebrate Unity: Yanks and Red Armymen gather around a jeep as they celebrate the junction of the two armies at the Elbe River. Soviet - American collaboration doomed German fascism.

Yanks and Red Armymen gather around a jeep as they celebrate the junction of the two armies at the Elbe River. Soviet - American collaboration



Welcome Handclasp: American and Soviet troops met at Torgau on the Elbe April 25, 1945 splitting the remains of Hitler's Reich in two.

give up when Hitler surrendered, nor even when Hirohito surrendered. They still had an ace in

the hole. Up and down the German countryside, in towns, cities and villages, the Nazis asked the GI: When are you going to fight the Russians?

The enemies of Soviet-American friendship started their dirty work before the crack of 88s and the crunch of the knee mortar ceased to sound. When President Roosevelt died, the Administration began to listen to the tom-toms the anti-Sovieters were beating. President Harry Truman forgot the words he spoke when he announced the Torgau meeting:

"The junction of our forces at this moment signals to ourselves and to the world that the collaboration of our nations in the cause of peace and freedom is an effective collaboration which can surmount the greatest difficulties of the most extensive campaign in military history and succeed. Nations which can plan

and fight together shoulder to shoulder in the face of such obstacles of distance and of language and of communications as we have overcome can live together in the common labor of the organization of the world for peace."

What a far cry that was from the Truman who got up at Fulton, Mo., less than a year later and introduced Winston Churchill. Churchill had been the enemy of the second front in Europe. Now Churchill was appealing for an Anglo-American alliance against the Soviet Union under the sponsorship of the President of the United States.

American interests today are for peace and security. Our military aims could be achieved only in co-operation with Soviet Russia. Our aims in peace can be attained only with such friendship today. That is the lesson of the meeting on the Elbe last year.

Business Leaders Hail Gromyko

More than 150 business and financial leaders yesterday honored Andrei Gromyko, Soviet delegate to UN, at a reception, then joined in pledging their help to a Russian Relief drive for \$4,000,000 for medical supplies for the Soviet Union.

Enjoying the reception at the Rainbow Grill, Gromyko relaxed and promised with a smile: "My speech will be definitely shorter than at the Security Council."

He thanked the gathering for "your very useful work, to which we wish all possible success."

Newbold Morris, chairman of the Metropolitan Committee for Russian Relief; Capt. Gaston St. Marceau, who fought on the Soviet front with a French air squadron, and Elsa Maxwell all stressed Russia's great sacrifice and present needs.

Sidney Hillman, chairman of CIO-PAC, pledging that he and his associates would do everything to help Russian Relief's drive, warned that "unless we can get understanding in the international field, disaster will face all of us."

Brownsville Rally For OPA Today

In the Brownsville-Ocean Hill area of Brooklyn, a parade and rally to save the OPA has been called for today by a host of community organizations.

The parade will start at Stone and Pitkin Aves., 3 p. m., and wind up for the rally at Legion and Pitkin. An hour later.

Sponsoring the demonstration are the Consumers Council, Parent-Teachers Association, Bakers Union, Teachers Union, Pitkin Avenue Merchant's, the IWO, and the Communist, American Labor, and Democratic Parties.

Michigan Troopers Break Picketline

DETROIT, April 24 (UP).—State Troopers today helped county police break up a crowd of 500 United Auto Workers (CIO) pickets at a suburban aircraft plant.

Police will remain at the plant, a state police official said.

A strike against Stinson Division Plant of Consolidated Vultee Corp. that began April 2, culminated this morning in a tight picket blockade of the road leading to the plant.

Forty-four pickets and union officials were ordered to show cause Monday why they should not be cited for contempt of court for alleged violation of an injunction.

Ku Klux Klan's State Charter Not My Business, Says Curran

Thomas J. Curran, Secretary of State of New York, yesterday dodged responsibility for the chartering of the Ku Klux Klan in this state, saying that Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein was the only state officer with power to revoke it. Curran passed

the buck to Goldstein after the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport had demanded that he take action against the Klan.

The Klan on April 6 threatened to take action against the committee's efforts to bring to justice the policeman who shot to death Pfc. Charles Ferguson and his brother Alfonso, Negroes, Feb. 5.

DENIED CHARTER EXISTED

The Daily Worker revealed exclusively on April 9 that the Klan was incorporated under state law.

Curran at first denied the KKK was operating under state law. But after the Daily Worker secured copies of the KKK incorporation papers from Curran's office, he admitted his error in a letter to Dorothy Langston, secretary of the Freeport Committee.

Yesterday Miss Langston said Curran advised the organization it was Goldstein's job and not his to lift the Klan's charter.

She said the committee would continue to press for a complete investigation and outlawing of the

Klan, which stands for "discrimination, murder and lynchings."

Miss Langston was sharply critical of Gov. Dewey's failure to launch an investigation of the Freeport slayings. A delegation representing "hundreds of trade union organizations from every section of New

York State," she said, will seek to lay the case before the Governor in Albany May 3.

If the Governor continues to ignore the committee, Miss Langston added, "we are ready to throw a picket line around the executive mansion until he does see us."

Freeport Committee Urges Big Turnout in Albany May 3

The New York Committee for Justice in Freeport yesterday issued a call to New Yorkers for a mass delegation to Albany on May 3.

The committee said that Charles Breitell, Gov. Dewey's counsel recently told a veterans group people's petitions "are not important."

"The people disagree with Breitell's opinion, which reflects Gov. Dewey's attitude," the committee call stated.

"To prove that point, there must be a mass delegation to Albany on May 3."

The train, the Advanced Empire, leaves at 8:30 a.m., daylight saving time, from Grand Central Station. The delegates will meet in front of the main information desk at 8 a.m. Round trip fare is \$6.90. Delegates were advised to buy their tickets in advance.

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— UNION LOOKOUT —

- Some Pleasing Figures;
- An Educational Vacation

By Dorothy Loeb

A Dept. of Labor study shows that in 1945 of all manufacturing workers organized, 87 percent enjoyed protection ranging from maintenance of union membership to the closed shop. The department estimated that about 70 percent of all production workers engaged in manufacturing were under union agreement. The total under union contract in both manufacturing and non-manufacturing was fixed at 50 percent.

The City CIO has hit the right combination for the union education director and educational committee members. It's a summer school at the Hudson Shore Labor School at West Park, N. Y., on the bank of the Hudson, just across from Hyde Park. There will be a one-week session from Monday, June 3, through Saturday, June 8. Courses in labor history, economics, political action, organization and special problems in union work will be offered. Teachers will include union leaders and Dr. Philip Foner of the Jefferson School. The cost is \$40 for the whole business, classes, meals, rooms and all. Swimming and all the other summer sports are thrown in. Make arrangements through the City CIO Education Committee, 1133 Broadway.

All officers of Hotel Front Service Local 144 were elected without contest in a recent poll. Elected were Axel McConney, president; John Goodman, Frances McLaughlin and William Pease, vice-president; John Steuben, secretary-treasurer, and Steve O'Donnell, general organizer. . . . It's CIO in the drafting room of the Electric Bond & Share Co., New York City. The vote was 131 for the FAECT, 86 for the AFL, and 32 for no union. . . . Raises ranging from 22 to 27 percent will be paid to about 500 employees of the Revlon Cosmetics Co. plant here under a new Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Local 65 contract. The union also got a closed shop. Some 60 war vets, hired in recent months, took an active part in shops to win the agreement.

VETS' VOICE



UAW Vets Program Lays Basis For Sound Alliance With Labor

By JOSEPH CLARK

The veterans program adopted by the Executive Board of the United Automobile Workers Union, CIO, recognizes that our problem is not a temporary one. This program is worthy of study by all trade unionists who see the importance of the labor-vet alliance.

It is pertinent today when even some progressive unionists are saying, "Well, now that the vets are back, we can abolish the trade union vet committees. Such an approach would be bad for labor and bad for the vets."

Since "their special problems as veterans will continue for years to come," the International Executive Board of the UAW decided:

- 1—The Veterans Department of the International Union shall be under the direction of a war veteran.
- 2—Each regional director shall appoint a member of his staff who is a war veteran to coordinate under his supervision the handling of veterans' problems in the region.
- 3—Periodic UAW-CIO veterans' conferences shall be held within the regions and also on a national scale.
- 4—The decisions of the Atlantic City convention on Army hospitals and aid to disabled veterans shall be promptly implemented.
- 5—We call upon Congress to amend the GI Bill of Rights to include:
 - (a) Unemployment Compensation benefits in progress (and we shall work toward amending state laws on similar basis).
 - (b) Extension of education and vocational training opportunities so that the veteran shall receive a subsistence allowance of \$100 monthly with an additional \$25 per month for each dependent.
 - 6—Adjusted service discharge pay to all veterans based on length and place of service; \$3 for each day of domestic service; \$4 for each day of overseas service; minimum of \$100 and maximum of \$3,500 for those performing no overseas service; minimum of \$500 and maximum of \$4,500 for those who served overseas.
 - 7—Endorse and promote the passage of Sen. Wagner's bill to give all "members of the armed

forces and the Merchant Marine credit of \$100 to their social security account for each month or fraction thereof spent in such service.

8—Promote an increase of 30 percent in pensions to all disabled veterans to compensate for the rise in living costs.

Of course, this is not a complete program for veterans. It does not deal with the fight for housing which has been supported by the UAW. The fight for peace is dealt with elsewhere in the UAW program.

Some well-meaning unionists suggest that the union veterans' committees be abolished because the vets are becoming integrated into the labor movement. But as the UAW program shows, the fight for vet needs will continue for many years.

This doesn't mean that vets are a class by themselves. But if labor is to win the veterans as allies, it must champion their demands and give them an opportunity for expression in the trade unions.

Trade unions, moreover, can be a powerful factor in uniting the whole veterans' movement. They can bring about joint action of all major vet organizations for housing, the bonus, jobs. The UAW vet conference in Michigan was an example of such initiative. The fight for housing in New York is another example.

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Vet Nurses Find Dubinsky Bars Freedom They Fought to Win

By LOLA PAINE

Five former Army nurses, four of them overseas veterans, are learning the hard way about "democracy" in David Dubinsky's International Ladies Garment Workers Union. They've lost their jobs at the garment workers' health center, 275 Seventh Ave., because they joined the CIO.

The vets aren't the only ones getting this raw deal. Nine civilian nurses and one technical worker also signed with CIO and had the law laid down: "AFL or out you go!" Another 16 technical workers signed temporary AFL cards, but are willing to give affidavits charging threats and coercion by Dubinsky's outfit.

Behind this story of forced AFL membership is the fact that there is no AFL union for nurses. When word got to Dubinsky that the health workers were going CIO, a "cooked-up" contract with a "dug-up" AFL local appeared, the State, County, Municipal Workers (not to be confused with the CIO, State, County and Municipal Workers of America).

The AFL outfit has only a few morticians and ambulance drivers, the nurses said yesterday. The CIO-SCMWA is the only active union in the field.

WANT OWN UNION

Interviewed at the union office at 13 Astor Pl.:

Lt. Lillian J. Laffey, vet of North Africa and Italy: "We wanted an election so that the majority could decide what union to join. We were told by Eugene Heidig, AFL representative, that a contract had already been signed with the AFL."

Lt. Gertrude Holtzman, vet of the South Pacific: "When we asked if this was the kind of democracy we fought the war for, Heidig said the war was a phony war."

Lt. Seraphine Scuto, who served in England: "We were told by our superior at the health center that the CIO was 'communistic.'"

Peg Ashman, a tall, blonde civilian nurse who has worked at the center a year and a half, put it this way:

"We were denied the right to collective bargaining by a union that professes to stand for this. We



GERTRUDE HOLTZMAN

don't want the AFL. We want a bona-fide nurses' union."

The 14 now out of jobs appeared at a "meeting" called by Heidig only to learn that they were to be grilled individually. Fortunately, they brought a lawyer with them. When this was discovered, Heidig demanded that the lawyer be dis-

missed. They refused, asked that they be addressed as a group, and offered to go back to work if they didn't have to sign cards.

The upshot is that they are out of jobs, "suspended"—as the AFL phrases it.

Elliott Godoff, organizer of the CIO-SCMWA Nurses Local 444, told us at the interview that the union will take special action for the veterans involved in this fight. Charges have already been filed with the State Labor Relations Board against the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

"We believe the SLRD will invalidate the contract with the AFL because admittedly it was a contract signed for a minority," Godoff said.

Godoff said Dubinsky's union obviously feels "guilty" because it suddenly disclaimed responsibility for the whole matter and tossed the blame on the AFL so-called union for nurses.

A delegation of the health center committee met Tuesday with Frederick Umhey, executive secretary of the ILGWU and pointed out that he had ignored the majority and had signed a contract representing a minority.

His response was: "At the time of signing the contract I was not aware of existing circumstances at the Union Health Center."

This doesn't satisfy the workers, however.

Meanwhile, the vets and the other nurses are holding tight. They plan to fight the Dubinsky brand of "democracy" to a finish.

Minn. UAW Wins Picket Pay

AUSTIN, Minn., April 24 (FP).—For the first time in the history of the American labor movement strikers have won wages for time spent on the picketline, spokesmen for Local 867, United Auto Workers (CIO), said here.

Under an agreement reached between Local 867 and a representa-

tive of seven coal and lumber dealers, almost a score of truck drivers and inside yard employees will be compensated for three of the five days they engaged in the walkout.

Settlement of the strike was aided by Local 9, United Packinghouse Workers, largest CIO union in the community, which helped arrange a meeting in the Mayor's office.

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and at Carnegie Hall have amazed the medical profession and audience. They also have gladdened the heart of the little man who lives in the box-office.

"The remedy is soothing and harmless as mother's lullaby. Again and again it has given the priceless gift of sleep to insomnia sufferers when all other means have failed..."

And so on... all the familiar phrases of the immemorial medical charlatan. Mr. Slater's record (costing the quackery sum of \$5.24) is simply a patchwork of soothing suggestions. You listen to the soft voice of the mental smoothie drone through familiar phrases of "mental science," and whatever your problem, you are shoved off the cliff into a profound slumber (it is alleged).

All of this makes one feel sorry for poor souls troubled by the New York fever and all the worries and cares of staying alive in this atomic stage of decadent capitalism.

Sleep is one of the free gifts of nature, like fresh air and sunlight. But with Lady Macbeth, we cannot do a single thing, naturally, because we are sinners all.

Insomnia Might Be Good While the Churchills Hatch War

A good, honest doctor could never offer any patient one easy cure for insomnia. He would have to study the patient's whole life problem, search out one of a hundred possible causes for his sleeplessness.

It might come from a canceled physical ailment. It could be the sign of nervous strain, too much responsibility. The patient might need to change his work. Sometimes it is a faulty marriage that keeps him awake.

And so on. The problem is as complicated as modern life itself.

But the Winston Churchills and the quacks of capitalist imperialism cover up the real ailment. They offer noble rhetoric and soothing moral lullabies for a cure.

Insomnia is not yet our worst enemy. Perhaps the sleep and the languor of the people as the Churchills plot is more dangerous. There is too much apathy still in the world while a small criminal minority of profiteers trick humanity into a Third World War, an atom bomb war that might destroy all civilization, all culture, all human hope. Awake, awake, is the message needed, not sleep, sleep on!

Letters from Our Readers

They Are Well Paid For Slandering Soviets

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Invariably, writers and commentators who have found that the size of their pot of gold depends on the extent to which they are able to invent, repeat or exaggerate slanders against the Soviet Union, become hysterically vicious with their assaults against the government of that country.

They also become offensively flattering of the author of every book that attempts to induce public opinion to regard the Soviet government as evil, tyrannical, incompetent, etc.

Meanwhile, the facts of history prove that such a government for 28 years has withstood the foulest campaign against it from the corrupt press of the entire world. It survived all the conspiracies against it as well as the mighty military attacks the Nazi barbarians directed upon it. The USSR came out of the ordeal victorious with its prestige among the suffering peoples of the earth greatly enhanced.

A. G.

An Indian Reads About India in the N. Y. Times

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I was amused to read a news item in the New York Times, dated April 20, 1946. After explaining the serious food situation in India, it shed some tears over the suicidal habits of the Indian people. Said the Times: "Efforts to educate the populace to wheat consumption have not been wholly successful; in many cases peasants have boiled the wheat and then thrown the wheat away and drank the water."

This is not only mischievous and misleading, but a blatant lie, which the Times is deliberately spreading in this country to prejudice American people against Indians. If Indians are so stupid as to waste wheat, why help them at all? This is the impression which the Times correspondent creates.

Wheat is the staple food of about 200 million Indians. They prepare bread from it and eat it just as other people do. If the Times' correspondent had taken the trouble of going out of his luxurious room in New Delhi Hotel to some villages nearby, he

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would have discovered that Indian people do not require any "education to wheat consumption." What they need is not "education to consume wheat" but wheat itself, which they lack, thanks to the criminal negligence on the part of an alien government.

Since I came to this great country, I have been meeting Americans of every class and creed. They have universally shown sympathy for the Indian people. But it is pathetic to see the correspondent of a responsible American paper write fantastic stories about Indians.

Is it the dinners and dances at the Viceroy's house that make these foreign correspondents dizzy, or is it a conscious effort to malign Indians before the American people? This conspiracy of the Anglo-American ruling class must be exposed. The American people must know the truth.

AN INDIAN.

A Churchman's Opinion Of Russia in 1905

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Not intended as a prophecy, but as an opinion based on keen observation of facts, the quotation below is from a collection of sermons and lectures titled, "Religion and Politics," by Algernon Sidney Crapey, published in 1905, pages 139-140:

"The mass of the Russian people is moving with the alowness, it may be of a glacier, but, like the glacier, it is moving and grinding under its dead weight, ancient tyrannies and worn-out customs. There is more to hope from Russia than from any other Christian country today."

"Its reformation in the church and the revolution in the state are yet to come, and when they do come they will be far more radical than the reformation and revolution in the West. In the next generation we may look to Russia for a new birth of religion and a new birth of liberty."

I. A.

Reaction Is Betraying The World at UN

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Fascism in Europe and in parts of Asia made it inescapable for freedom-loving people everywhere to defeat the most deadly enemy of liberty ever to attempt the subjugation of the earth's population.

Out of such a war, the United Nations Organization was conceived and started as one of the brightest hopes for steering the world clear of the pestilence of fascism and the scourge of war. Yet, during the second meeting of that promising organization, Delegates Stettinius, Cagogan and Van Kleeffens have clearly indicated their governments will not permit the taking of effective action against the fascist regime of Spain.

Their consent to a proposed probe of Franco Spain cannot be regarded other than a dishonest stratagem to fool world opinion and carry out their reprehensible intention to keep fascism alive. In this manner these men are pushing the U. N. down the slope of a cruel and deliberate betrayal of the inspirations of mankind to a life of freedom, progress and happiness.

A. GARCIA DIAZ.

A Ball Fan Wants Boxed Box Scores

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I quite realize how hard-pressed the editors of the Daily Worker must be to find space to print news of the many events occurring in these times. However, it is now spring, the season of baseball, and a young man's fancy turns to... the baseball scores.

I think the sports section of the paper would be improved, and life made simpler for the ball fan, if you were to place the baseball scores in a more convenient spot than on the sports page.

A spot on the back page, where, at a glance the reader could get a rough idea of what happened at his favorite park the day. How about a box on the back page in the same place for the duration of the season? DODGER FAN.

Byrnes Brews a Bigger Crisis

By ROB F. HALL

WASHINGTON.

A FRENCH newsmen here told me, perhaps a little cynically, that Paris newspapers played up the murder trial of Petiot, the city's "Bluebeard," because they wanted to take the people's mind off war and international crises. He was struck, as are most foreign observers, by the obvious desire of the American Government to keep war and international crises on the front



pages of the newspapers and in the forefront of the people's mind.

President Truman and Secretary of State Byrnes played the Iranian crisis for all it was worth. Even when the Iranian Government asked that the matter be dropped, Byrnes struggled manfully to keep it before the Security Council and on page one of the daily papers.

The Spanish question also had possibilities. It served to emphasize differences between the Soviet

Union and the central European democracies on the one hand and the Anglo-American bloc on the other. But it was not tailored to fit Byrnes' program. Too many Americans know the facts of Franco's consistent pro-Axis record, his fascist brutality to the Spanish people, and his generous asylum to Nazi millionaires, agents and atomic scientists. A poll of American (or, for that matter, British) public opinion would reveal that the overwhelming majority of votes would go to Poland's representative, Oscar Lange, and not to Byrnes, or the American delegate, Edward R. Stettinius.

That is why the American and British governments decided they could not afford to run completely counter to public opinion and flatly dismiss the Polish charges against Franco. They chose to agree that Franco is a naughty fellow, but suggested that punishment be confined to whipping him unmercifully with a feather.

CADOGAN STALES

According to Columnist Drew Pearson, the British Foreign Office told its delegate, Sir Alexander Cadogan, to stall for time, to talk and listen, but reach no

decision. The American delegate must have received similar instructions, if one is to judge by the proceedings. But Drew Pearson didn't tell the whole story behind the Anglo-American stalling.

The Americans and British plan to establish a "caretaker" government in Spain which will exclude Franco, but retain most of his friends. It will be labeled a democracy, but the same old cliques—the big landowners, the aristocrats, the fascists and the Catholic hierarchy—will remain in the saddle. The new government will be very friendly to Britain and America and hostile to France and the Soviet Union.

The plot is well under way, according to reports here, and negotiations with the Vatican to bring it about are said to be proceeding satisfactorily. This is why the British and American delegates have been instructed to stall.

When this appears in print, Byrnes will already be in Paris for the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers. With his present penchant for international

crises involving the Soviet Union, he will surprise no one if he takes a stand on the treaty with Italy which neither Russia nor Yugoslavia can accept. For he does not go to Paris seeking understanding or unity with the Soviet Union. He goes looking for a crisis.

If neither the fading Iranian crisis nor the fresh Italian crisis is sharp enough to give the folks back home the jitters, Byrnes is brewing up another. I have sat in recent press conferences and heard the Secretary of State make a number of comments about Manchuria. His notes to the Soviet Union as well as his remarks indicated he intends to charge that the Soviets have taken from Manchuria material to which the U. S. lays claim.

Now he has dispatched Edwin Pauley to Manchuria to "investigate" the Russian actions. The man whose record is too shady to permit him to serve as Under-Secretary of the Navy is quite good enough to go on the quest for more crises with the Soviets. The odds are that we will soon have it, a brand-new crisis, with Manchuria as the backdrop.

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The Real Motive

THE so-called "Iran case" has dwindled down to the shadow of a pigeon which died of starvation. There is absolutely nothing left of it. It has been settled to the satisfaction of Iran and the Soviet Union.

Iran itself wanted nothing to do with it, despite the pretty obvious way our State Department was putting pressure on the Iranian delegate.



STETTINIUS

Yet our representative in the UN, following the course set by President Truman and Secretary Byrnes, will not let go of the issue which was manufactured artificially from the very beginning.

Why?

It is surely time for American public opinion to probe into the strange motives which seem to underlie what our government is doing in the UN. It should begin to be clear to public opinion that the Iran case is a smokescreen intended to cover up something. Cover up what?

Hide Policy Reversal

To cover up the fact that since President Roosevelt died, the administration has reversed the foreign policy he laid down.

That policy rested on genuine collaboration between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. President Truman and Secretary Byrnes have given way steadily before the pressure of the Old Gang reactionaries like Vandenberg.

Today Herbert Hoover, the very symbol of pro-fascist reaction in America, is a trusted representative of the United States before the peoples of the world. And Sen. Vandenberg, arch-isolationist and beloved of the America Firsters, gives orders to Byrnes.

The result has been a foreign policy which is pressing relentlessly toward a goal of disrupting any possibility of agreement within the UN.

If agreements are made, our representatives kick them aside, or look for new "issues" of friction.

At the same time, however, that they maintain the big noise over non-existent issues, they are pressing forward Wall Street's claims throughout the world.

They are aligning the United States behind the most anti-democratic gangs in every corner of the globe. Our present support for Franco in Spain, to monarchists in Greece, to the pro-Nazi militarists in Germany, to the feudal militarists in Japan and to the democracy-hating right wing of the Kuomintang in China.

Crush Colonial Peoples

While Stettinius poses nobly as fighting for a "small nation" which has informed him that it does not require his freedom, we are helping to crush the Indonesian fight for freedom. We are helping British imperialism keep scores of nations in the old colonial empire of slavery.

In short, the Iran case is being desperately kept alive, long after it died, solely to make unity within the UN impossible, and to cover up our alliance with anti-democratic forces everywhere.

This must be realized by American public opinion in the most serious manner. Public opinion cannot watch this performance idly, while the basis of world peace is being surely and steadily shot to pieces by an administration Hoover policy which has gone over to naked, aggressive Hooverism, betraying that for which America fought and bled under FDR's leadership against the Axis.

A Lesson in Prejudice

THE University of Vermont and the democratic action of 18 girl students once again reveals who are the perpetrators of racial discrimination and race prejudice. An action taken by 18 girl students last fall has broken into the news. And what was the action? Simply that as members of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, they invited the only Negro co-ed student to join.

What these 18 white girl students displayed was the very natural tendency to interracial fellowship and good will. The girl pledged, Crystal Malone, is described by the Dean of Women as "average student of fine character."

But the sorority's national office sent orders to them to break the pledge to Crystal Malone. Moreover, they placed the University of Vermont's chapter on probation for a year for "insubordination."

Here is a revealing lesson in race prejudice. What these girls displayed was the very natural tendency towards interracial fellowship and good will. It is the organized pressure of a poisoned Jimcrow society that forces men and women into the quite unnatural relationship of racial antagonism.



THE COMMUNIST PARTY—Its Theory and Organization

The Party of Socialism

(This is the second of a series.)

By JOHN WILLIAMSON

In recruiting shop workers and trade unionists into the Communist Party we must guarantee that they are immediately equipped with an understanding of the policies and program of the party.

But, in addition, it is essential to convince them that their effectiveness will increase to the extent that they absorb and master Marxism-Leninism, the science of socialism.

The knowledge of Marxism-Leninism enables the trade unionist to understand the specific role of the party as distinguished from that of a trade union; why both are vitally necessary forms of working class organization. Such knowledge will show that only the party can help the working class understand its position in present-day society, and make clear that its struggles are directed not alone against a single employer or a single trust, but against the capitalist class as a whole, against the system of capitalist exploitation.

CLASS AIMS

It is the responsibility of the Communist Party, on the basis of the laws of capitalist development, and the role of the working class, as the "grave-digger of capitalism," to help raise the understanding of the working class to the level of its true class position and its true class aims.

The distinguishing characteristic of the Communist trade unionist is that he is not only a loyal union member, a foremost fighter for workers' conditions in the shop or picket line, but a good organizer. Of course, Communists have such qualities. But so do many non-Communist unionists. What distinguishes the Communist trade unionist from non-party militants is the knowledge of Marxism-Leninism attained through membership in the Communist Party.

It is the science of Marxism-Leninism which enables the Communist trade unionist to see the intimate connection between the problems of the individual worker or those in a shop with that of the labor movement, with the problems of the entire nation.

It is this which enables the Communist trade unionist to understand the connection between

the drive of monopoly capitalism against the workers' demands with its drive for world domination, its preparation for war against the Soviet Union, against the rising European democracies and the colonial people.

It is this which enables the working class must act as a class not only on the economic but the political field as well, and to energetically advance the independent political activity of labor as a whole. It is this which enables the Communist to understand how to fight against all bourgeois, social-democratic, Trotskyite and Browderite influences which penetrate the ranks of the working class, paralyzing its ability to fight.

FORSEE EVENTS

The Communist trade unionist, armed with the science of Marxism-Leninism, is able to look ahead, to foresee the moves of individual employers, of the capitalist class as a whole and that of its government.

Thus, for instance, Communists opposed the security clause advocated by the Ford Co. and supported by some sections of the union leadership. They recognized this would place a weapon in the hands of the company to destroy the gains secured in the recent negotiations by undermining the effectiveness of the union through the elimination of every militant worker and fighting steward.

An understanding of Marxism-Leninism, received through membership in the Communist Party, helps the trade unionists to function more effectively in defense of the interests not only of the workers in a specific trade or industry, but the whole working class. For the Communist trade unionist knows that so long as capitalism exists so long will the workers have to fight again and again to maintain their conditions to avoid being driven down to the level of paupers. That is why Communists fight vigilantly to maintain and strengthen the unions, to organize the unorganized, to extend trade union activities to all spheres of domestic and foreign affairs.

Communist trade unionists are able to defend the everyday interests of the workers with such doggedness and determination because they know that the problems of the working class can be permanently solved only through the elimination of capitalist exploitation and the establishment of a Socialist system—a system for use and not for profit, without exploitation of man by man and nation by nation.

For the trade union struggles by themselves, important and necessary as they are, bitter and hard fought as they might be, cannot lead the workers spontaneously to the abolition of capitalism. These struggles help to develop greater trade union loyalty and conscious-

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Worth Repeating

"But the Party cannot be merely a vanguard. It must at the same time be a unit of the class, be part of that class, intimately bound to it with every fibre of its being. The distinction between the vanguard and the main body of the working class, will continue as long as classes exist, as long as the proletariat continues replenishing its ranks with newcomers from other classes, as long as the working class as a whole lacks the opportunity of raising itself to the level of the vanguard.

"But the Party would cease to be a party if this distinction were widened into a rupture: if it were to isolate itself and break away from the non-Party masses." — Stalin, Leninism, Vol. 1, International Publishers.

Get Army Out in 6 Months: India CP

By R. PALME DUTT
Wireless to the Daily Worker

NEW DELHI, India, April 17 (Delayed).—Communist Party Leader P. C. Joshi had a 35-minute interview today with the British Cabinet mission. He presented a 1,500-word memorandum in behalf of the Communist Party, which is widely recognized as the most competent and effective statement of policy presented so far.

This memorandum sets up the following points:

1. A declaration of independence. The Communist Party will judge the Cabinet mission only by its practice. The first proof of sincerity they demand is an unequivocal and unambiguous declaration recognizing Indian independence and Indian sovereignty.

In further proof of sincerity, the British Government should declare within six months the total withdrawal of troops from all Indian territory, including the princely states.

Such a declaration should be made and implemented whether or not India's political parties have settled their differences. The question of Indian unity is an internal question to be settled by the people themselves. It cannot be made an excuse for a refusal by Britain to transfer power.

TRANSFER POWER

2. The transfer of power. Establishment of a provisional government based on the main popular parties. The best course would be agreement between the National Congress and the Muslim League for parity in government and for adequate representation of minorities.



P. C. JOSHI

3. The constituent assembly. The provisional government should convene a constitutional assembly on the basis of adult franchise and of recognition of the right of self-determination for the provinces, reconstituted as new national units.

4. National self-determination. A boundaries commission should be set up to re-draw boundaries on the basis of the natural ancient homelands of every people so that the re-demarcated provinces shall become, as far as possible, linguistically and culturally homogeneous national units, such as: Sind, Pathanland, Eastern and Western Punjab, Central Punjab, Hindustan, Rajasthan, Bihar, Assam, Bengal, Orissa, Maharashtra, Tamilnad, Andhra, Kerala and Karnatak.

The people of each such unit should have the unfettered right of self-determination—that is, the right to decide freely whether they join the Indian union or form a separate sovereign state or another Indian unit.

The delegates elected from each

national unit shall decide by majority vote whether they shall join the all-India constituent assembly to form the Indian union or remain out and form a separate sovereign state for themselves or join another Indian unit.

The Communist Party stands for a free, voluntary, democratic Indian union made up of sovereign units. It is firmly convinced that the best interests of the Indian masses will be served by their remaining together in one common union, in common brotherhood to defend their freedom and solve the problems of poverty which require co-operation of all.

It is only on the basis of application of the principle of self-

determination as indicated above that Indian unity can be preserved.

PRINCES OUT

5. Princes. There should be no question of inviting the princes to share power in the interim government or of allowing them any share in determining the decisions of the constituent assembly. The people of the Indian states should, therefore, have the same rights and franchises as the rest of the Indian people.

6. Civil liberties. Immediate release of all political prisoners, of all Indians belonging to the army, navy or air force who had been imprisoned or convicted in connection with the recent strikes, and of all soldiers of the Indian National Army still in prison. Lifting the

ban on all political parties which still remain illegal and restoration of civil liberties.

It is understood that in the interview with Joshi, members of the Cabinet mission were unable to raise any objections in principle to any of the proposals put forward—so they sought to dismiss them as impracticable.

It is especially worth noting, in view of the strong feeling on this matter in the British labor movement, that the proposal of universal suffrage for India was summarily dismissed by members of the Cabinet mission as impracticable and that the demand for a definite date for withdrawal of British troops was equally dismissed as out of the question.

French Communists Seek Plan To End War Threat of Ruhr

Wireless to the Daily Worker

PARIS, April 24.—The twin problems of an Anglo-French alliance and the future of the Ruhr have appeared on the political agenda within the last few weeks, and the French viewpoint is based upon security and reparations.

Frenchmen remember how German war industry was permitted to recover after 1918, in line with the old Treaty of balance of power in Europe. Germany was nursed and supported and favored for years by the reactionary Munich governments of Britain and France herself as a bastion against the Soviet Union. Frenchmen remember that that policy was a direct cause of the war.

So French people are certain Germany must not be allowed to rebuild her war machine again; to recover more rapidly than her exhausted neighbors, and to recover at their expense.

She must be effectively prevented by whatever means may prove to be necessary from building up her heavy industry far beyond her peaceful needs and far beyond the strength of the industry of her neighbors. And since the rich coal-bearing industrial Ruhr has always been the main arsenal of German aggression, she must be effectively prevented from ever again using the Ruhr to make war.

French people understand that this argument interests every country, in particular the three Great Powers who, at Potsdam, signed an agreement which meant precisely these things.

Denazification in the western zones of Germany has never made a serious start and it will be a very long time before we shall be able to rely upon a genuine democratic movement inside Germany. Until such time as democracy shows signs of serious strength, and until the powers set about denazifying western Germany as if they meant it, something has to be done to prevent the reemergence of a strong, aggressive Germany under reactionary leadership.

All Frenchmen agree that the first necessity is the control of the Ruhr; and to be effective the control must be economic, political and administrative.

The Communist Party here has made it clear that it will support any effective scheme which will provide these security guarantees. But they make it clear too that they

are profoundly disturbed at the direction that British policy is taking. They estimate that the Foreign Office is playing the same tune today that it played with such disastrous effect in 1919.

The talk of the dangers of "social chaos" in Germany is regarded here as reminiscent of the red scares which were used to justify British policy towards Germany.

It was British insistence on a high output quota for the German steel industry which has led to 70 percent of the Ruhr coal being retained for internal use while only 30 percent is being sent abroad to devastated countries as reparations. German coal consumption for steel is nearly double the consumption of the French furnaces.

This extraordinary fact is hardly calculated to produce confidence in British policy towards Germany. And the recent news that the drop in the Ruhr production is to be offset by a reduction of exports to France makes strange and disquieting reading by the side of President Truman's statement of June 1945 that absolute priority would be accorded to the liberated countries.

The Communists do not ask for annexation of the Ruhr. What they ask for is effective control by the Big Four, and if such control can only be secured by permanently cutting off the Ruhr from Germany proper, then that course will have to be considered by the four powers without delay.

Either way, and here the Communists differ from the French Socialist Party, it would be meaningless in their view to conclude an Anglo-French alliance while such a vital problem remains unsolved.

The Socialists appear to have had one eye on the forthcoming elections in recent weeks, and their apparent haste to conclude a treaty at almost any price can be regarded in some measure as electoral politics.

But it is clear that the only real and lasting treaty will be a treaty based upon the mutual affection and confidence of the people of Britain and France, which will not be forthcoming until Mr. Bevin is prepared to take a line in western Germany which comes a good deal

closer to the Potsdam declaration. Georges Cogniot, writing in l'Humanite, has stated the Communist position as follows:

"Security and reparations are the two vital needs of France. Our people do not intend to annex anything. They intend, in order to recover, to take from Germany, who ruined them, those reparations which are possible and necessary. They intend to obtain guarantees which will prevent another war."

"The root of the matter for us is the question of guarantees against aggression. That is the main aim of France's diplomacy. If there are differences of opinion on the matter, the best way is not to pretend to ignore them in order to reach a pretended agreement. The best way is to settle them in order to be able to agree solidly and usefully thereafter."

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We extend our invitation to every woman in the trade unions, in the ranks of the Negro people, as well as the wives and mothers on the farms, and in the homes of the cities.

Women are harassed by the high cost of living, by the artificially created scarcities of necessities, by the need for child care facilities, by the fear of unemployment of the husband or of herself. Women yearn for peace and security for the family. Women are a most decisive group politically in all advanced countries, including our own.

Women fought in all the occupied countries and are fighting against fascism today in Spain, Portugal, Greece, Argentina. Millions of women worked in war industries in Britain, the Soviet Union and America, to support our armies with weapons. We Communists insist upon women's

right to work, to equal seniority, to equal pay and to adequate protection at work.

Women have seen the horrors or heard the harrowing accounts of what fascism did to children—wholesale, deliberate murder of thousands to destroy the future citizens of Europe; starvation, torture, affecting their growth, emotional stability and mentality. To bring about a world where all children are safe, normal, happy, is the will of the women in Europe today. That is why they vote Communist by the millions in Europe.

Women here, too, need the Communist Party to help shape political events so that peace will be maintained and our children not be called upon to suffer another more terrible and bloody war, or that women will not be degraded to the level of cattle as happened under fascism.

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The Party of Socialism

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ness, but do not create Socialist consciousness, the understanding of the need for, and the means by which socialism can be achieved.

Trade unions are the most elementary and all-inclusive workers' organizations. They arose in response to the need among the workers to abolish competition within their own ranks in order to bargain more effectively with the employers. True, the trade unions today are becoming more conscious of their role, are developing struggles that are national in scope, concern themselves with labor legislation, and make their demands known to the government. But all these struggles are still waged within the structure of capitalism, and aim primarily at improving the lot of the working class under capitalism.

Thus, in our country, resistance of labor to the encroachments of capitalism emphasized the need of unity and organization in the ranks of the workers. Over the years the American working class learned the need of powerful trade union organization—on a national and industrial scale. That is the historic significance of the organization of the CIO. There is no question, however, that the division in the ranks of the American working class between the CIO and the AFL still weakens the unity of the working class and impedes its ability to put up a common front against the onslaughts of monopoly capitalism. A united trade union movement, based on a progressive program, would considerably strengthen the power of the American working class, enable it more effectively to beat back the attacks on monopoly capitalism and to wrest important concessions from the economic royalists who dominate the economic and political life of our nation.

But the trade union movement cannot by itself eliminate capitalist exploitation. The whole history of the rise and development of the working class, and the great struggles which it develops,

emphasizes that at best the working class through their unions and economic struggles can ease the grip of exploitation, but cannot eliminate the system of capitalist exploitation, the system of wage slavery itself. That can be accomplished by the working class only under the leadership of the Communist Party, a party armed with the science of the class struggle, able to unify all actions and organizations of the working class against the class of exploiters as a whole.

Capitalism creates the objective conditions for socialism.

But socialism will not come of itself. Only the working class can bring it about. The consciousness and understanding of how the working class can achieve its emancipation can be created only by, and through, the party of the working class—the Communist Party. There would be no need for such a party, if Socialist consciousness emerged by itself in the class struggle. Such consciousness is attained only through the merger or the trade union struggles with the science of Marxism-Leninism. The point of unification of these two is the Communist Party.

It is the task of the Communist Party to imbue the working class with Socialist consciousness. In the process of the day-to-day struggles, the Communist Party helps the working class become aware of the true conditions for emancipation.

The historic struggle for socialism is not a straight path to victory. The working class is prepared to lead this struggle only through its every-day battles for wage increases and shorter hours, for peace against war-mongers, for Negro rights and equality, for an anti-fascist labor party.

The unification of all the struggles under the leadership of the Communist Party helps to direct them against the center of present day reaction and oppression—monopoly capitalism. It helps to advance the understanding and fighting unity of the working class and brings it to the recognition of the need for socialism.

Wise Offers Program on Bias

A three point program to combat racial prejudice was presented last night by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, at a Manhattan Center meeting.

The three points were:

1. The City Tax Commission to act immediately on Dr. Wise's petition to cancel the tax exemption of Columbia University for employing a quota system against Negro, Italian and Jewish students.

2. Immediate action by Governor Dewey to probe the brutal slaying of two Negroes and the wounding of a third in Freeport, Long Island.

3. Passage of HR 58 to dissolve the Wood-Rankin Committee.

Other speakers included Congressman Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, Secretary, Church Peace Union; City Councilman Eugene P. Connelly; William S. Gailmor, James Lustig, UE-CIO; Isidore Ginsberg, Commander, Jewish War Veterans, New York State; Capt. Robert Leicester, Veterans Against Discrimination; Sam Jaffe, actor, and Bernard Harkavy, Executive Secretary, Manhattan Division, American Jewish Congress.

Coast AFL to End Aid To Anti-Union Hospital

LOS ANGELES, April 24 (FP).—The Los Angeles Central Labor Council passed a resolution calling for withdrawal of AFL support from charitable agencies such as the Community Chest if they continue to donate funds to hospitals like the Cedars of Lebanon, which refuses to recognize a union chosen by a majority of the nurses.

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A Book to Help Dig Franco's Grave

By ALVAH BESSIE

No more opportune time could have been chosen for the publication of this book than the present. Mr. Plenn, formerly chief of propaganda analysis attached to the American Embassy in Madrid during the war, has set down what he saw in Spain and it coincides in every detail with what partisans of the Spanish Republic have been saying for years.

It is significant, moreover, that Mr. Plenn was removed from his

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post through the instrumentality of our then-Ambassador to Franco, Carleton J. H. Hayes. Mr. Hayes, who is reported to have said that Franco was "a fine, Christian gentleman" obviously felt that Mr. Plenn was getting "too close to things in Spain."

Getting too close to things in Spain meant, in Mr. Hayes' definition, actually performing the job for which Mr. Plenn had been sent to Spain by the Office of War Information.

KEPT IN TOUCH

In pursuance of that job, he sought out and he received representatives of the Spanish people, who kept him in touch with what was happening under the surface of Spanish life.

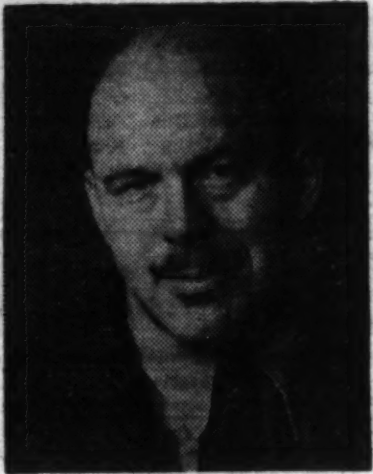
We know what has been happening and Mr. Plenn sets it down with something more than the phony "objectivity" and "neutrality" Ambassador Hayes demanded of his colleagues. He—Mr. Plenn—sets it down with passion, and it will help mightily to clarify American opinion on the job that remains to be done.

During the time the Spanish Republic was being strangled by Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, American partisans of the Republic stood on soapboxes throughout the land and said that if the Republic was murdered there would be a second World War.

And Mr. Plenn agrees in every detail with what these same people are saying today. For they are saying that if fascism is allowed to live in Spain, there will be a third World War.

And fascism is not only being allowed in Spain—it is actually being fostered, promoted, encouraged and strengthened—by Great Britain and by our own American government. Are you confused? Well might you be—for on the one hand we can "condemn" Franco's regime, and on the other hand we can sell Franco a fleet of C-54 transport planes that are not only being used against the democratic people of Spain, but might eventually be used against us.

We are widening and extending our influence in Spain—with Franco's help. We are growing dominant in Spanish heavy industry, says Mr. Plenn, "oil, textiles, potash and other mines, as well as Spanish naval construction and port installations, railways, tele-



ALVAH BESSIE

This department feels that Abel Plenn's Wind in the Olive Trees is one of the most vitally important books ever published. For that reason we are printing a second review of it by Alvah Bessie, himself a Veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which fought Franco on Spanish earth.

phone and other communications, and aviation."

Britain is still hanging onto her Rio Tinto mines, her Bilbao foundries, here heavy interest in oranges, wine and oil. And Franco—what is he doing? He is growing rich and powerful on the foreign exchange provided by Great Britain and ourselves; and he is actively consolidating the influence of Nazi money and Nazi science within our borders.

In other words, he is playing us for suckers as he has ever since he came to power in 1939.

OUR ROLE

And what are the people of Spain doing? Says Mr. Plenn:

"Civil war in Spain has never stopped since 1936..." and he gives moving evidence of the heart-breaking courage of the people, operating through their underground organizations and gathering their strength for the "national insurrection."

For that national insurrection will come; it is growing closer with every day that passes. Nor can it be avoided by any of the "clever" solutions Franco or his British and American friends can devise.

ULTIMATE TRIUMPH

No man or woman who was in Spain during the so-called Civil War has ever doubted for a moment the ultimate triumph of the great people of Spain.

But our hearts are sore for the long delay, for the torture, starvation, mutilation and murder of millions of the best Spanish men, women and children. That is why we can welcome—with a shout of joy—such a book as Abel Plenn's.



On location with the crew of "Days and Nights," Director Alexander Stolper and Cameraman Eugene Andrikanis, of the Mosfilm studio, together with other members of the production crew at Stalingrad for background shots. The film version of Konstantine Simonov's best-selling novel of Stalingrad's defense, with a script written by the author, will have its American premiere at the Stanley Theatre on Saturday, April 27.

American Negro Theatre Has a 20-Year Plan

By DAVID PLATT

The American Negro Theatre has a 20-year plan, Abram Hill, ANT Director told the Daily Worker during an interview at his office in Harlem. The eight original founders of the organization have come to the conclusion that it will take that long to really build a National Negro Theatre.

Five and a half of those years have already gone by and the ANT is moving toward that goal. Today, there are approximately 100 ANT actives with the group, including 10 percent non-Negro members.

The ANT has set itself tremendous tasks. They are trying to get a new building. Their present quarters are cramped. They do not have adequate space for rehearsals. They are looking for a building where they can have training and production space and dormitories for people who want to devote themselves full time to this work. They want to be in position to underwrite the maintenance and welfare of their personnel. In a couple of years they expect to have sufficient funds to realize this dream.

NO DESIRE TO GO BELOW 110TH ST.

The ANT, Hill said, is now entering a new phase. "We seek to perfect the technical basis of our work, develop playwrights, set designers, actors and directors and establish a repertory theatre—a community theatre. We have no desire to establish the ANT below 110th St., despite rumors to the contrary. We seek to break down the apathy of the Negro as a theatregoer and convince everyone that our purpose is to create a people's theatre which will provide significant comment and criticism of the everyday life around us."

The ANT, Hill stressed, "rejects the stereotyped and distorted patterns of Negro life. We are not interested in material that's geared to the Broadway stage." The Negro theatre's next production, set for June, will be Nat Turner, by Paul Peters, about the great Negro slave, who led the rebellion in Virginia in 1831. One of the new plays under consideration is about Sojourner Truth. The ANT would also like to do a musical—something off the beaten path. Langston Hughes is busy on an idea for this.

At the same time the ANT looks forward a National Negro Theatre movement that will exchange personnel, scripts, ideas, hold national conferences, and award prizes for the best productions, etc.

To achieve all these goals requires a rigid policy of self-discipline, Hill said.

"This means that each member and officer of ANT is required to be prompt, cooperative and accept assignments from scrubbing floors to building scenery. It takes three years for students to develop any kind of basic technique in acting. This calls for classes 24 weeks out of the year, partici-



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tion in the annual student production, work in the three plays staged by the ANT each season, organizational assignments; also work on the ANT radio program on Station WNEW every Sunday. As you see such a program requires discipline. Without it the ANT would never be able to hold its members."

Hill and the ANT executive committee feel that Harry Granick and Theodore Ward gave a distorted picture of how the ANT works in a recent letter, published in the Daily Worker. The two playwrights said the ANT prevents its members from appearing with any other non-professional group, accused the Negro Theatre of undemocratic procedures.

The ANT, Hill told the Daily Worker, is democratic in the fullest sense of the word. "But we are trying to build a permanent acting company. To achieve this goal means that we must hold our members together. The ANT Constitution provides this protection."

Despite these rulings, Hill said the ANT has supplied actors for more than a dozen professional shows since its inception, and players have been loaned to non-professional groups such as Stage for Action, Blackfriars' Guild, the Dramatic Workshop, several summer theatres and universities, etc.

"The ANT has evolved what we believe is a workable policy for bringing about the long desired Negro Theatre. Our plans are far from perfect. Nevertheless, public response to our years of struggle, sacrifice, trial and error indicates that we are headed in the right direction."

Haila Stoddard New 'Dream Girl'

Haila Stoddard will take over the arduous title role of Elmer Rice's hit comedy, Dream Girl, on Monday, April 29 at the Coronet Theatre, when Betty Field leaves for a Bermuda vacation of several weeks.

11 A.M. TO NOON

- 11:00-WEAF-Fred Waring Show
- WOR-News Talk; Music
- WJZ-Breakfast With Brenman
- WABC-Amanda-Sketch
- WMCA-News; Music Box
- WQXR-News; Alma Bettinger
- 11:15-WOR-Tello-Test Quiz
- WABC-Second Husband-Sketch
- 11:30-WEAF-Barry Cameron-Sketch
- WOR-Morning Matinee
- WJZ-Home Edition
- WABC-Time to Remember
- WMCA-News Reports
- WQXR-String Music
- 11:45-WEAF-David Harrow
- WOR-Talk-Victor Lindiahr
- WJZ-Ted Malone-Talk
- WABC-Aunt Jenny's Stories
- WMCA-This Woman's World

NOON TO 2 P.M.

- 12:00-WEAF-Clyde Kittlel, News
- WOR-News-Lyle Van
- WJZ-Glenn Miller
- WABC-News; Kate Smith's Chat
- WMCA-News; Recorded Music
- WQXR-News; Luncheon Music
- 12:15-WEAF-Talk-Maggi McNeill
- WOR-Hymns You Love
- WABC-Big Sister
- 12:30-WEAF-Eddie Newman, Comedy
- WOR-News; The Answer Man
- WJZ-News; Charn School
- WABC-Helen Trent
- 12:45-WEAF-Music of Manhattan
- WABC-Our Gal Sunday
- 1:00-WEAF-Mary Margaret McBride
- WOR-Musical Appointer
- WJZ-H. R. Buckhage
- WABC-Life Can Be Beautiful
- WMCA-News; Recorded Music
- WQXR-News; Symphony Music
- 1:15-WOR-Jack Bunday's Album
- WJZ-The Woman's Exchange
- WABC-Ma Perkins
- 1:30-WOR-Lopez Orchestra
- WJZ-Gallen Drake
- WABC-Young Dr. Malone-Sketch
- 1:45-WEAF-Morgan Besity-News
- WOR-John J. Anthony
- WABC-Road of Life-Sketch

2 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

- 2:00-WEAF-The Guiding Light
- WOR-Daily Dilemmas
- WJZ-John B. Kennedy
- WABC-Second Mrs. Burton
- WMCA-News; Ray Smith, Songs
- WQXR-News; Pop Concert
- 2:15-WEAF-Today's Children-Sketch
- WJZ-Pat Barnes, Talk
- WABC-Perry Mason-Sketch
- 2:30-WEAF-Women in White
- WOR-Queen for a Day
- WJZ-Bride and Groom
- WABC-Rosemary-Sketch
- WMCA-Baseball; Giants-Braves
- WQXR-Concert Orchestra
- 2:45-WEAF-Masquerade-Sketch
- WABC-Tena and Tim
- 3:00-WEAF-A Woman of America
- WOR-Martha Deane Program
- WJZ-Al Pearce Show
- WABC-You're in the Act

RADIO

- WMCA-570 Kc.
- WEAF-660 Kc.
- WOR-710 Kc.
- WJZ-710 Kc.
- WQXR-880 Kc.
- WABC-880 Kc.
- WINS-930 Kc.
- WEVD-1230 Kc.
- WWSW-1130 Kc.
- WLIR-1130 Kc.
- WQW-1200 Kc.
- WQV-1200 Kc.
- WENT-1430 Kc.
- WQXR-1430 Kc.

- WMCA-News; Baseball Game
- WQXR-News; Request Music
- 2:15-WEAF-Ma Perkins
- 3:30-WEAF-Pepper Young
- WOR-News; John Gambling
- WJZ-Ladies Be Seated
- WABC-Cinderella Inc.
- 3:45-WEAF-Right to Happiness
- 4:00-WEAF-Backstage Wife
- WOR-Better Half-Quiz
- WJZ-Jack Berch Show
- WABC-Rose Party
- WMCA-News; Baseball Game
- WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee
- 4:15-WEAF-Edna Dallas
- WJZ-Allen Prescott
- 4:30-WEAF-Lorenzo Jones
- WOR-Ask Dr. Eddy
- WJZ-Shelley Mydans
- WABC-Land Trio, Songs
- WMCA-News; Music
- 4:45-WEAF-Young Wilder Brown
- WJZ-Hop Harrigan
- 5:00-WEAF-When a Girl Marries
- WOR-Uncle Don
- WJZ-Terry and the Pirates
- WABC-School of the Air
- WMCA-News; Recorded Music
- WQXR-News; Bandstand Music
- 5:15-WEAF-Portia Faces Life
- WOR-Superman
- WJZ-Dick Tracy
- WMCA-Let's Listen to a Story
- WQXR-Books You Love Best
- 5:30-WEAF-Just Plain Bill
- WOR-Captain Midnight
- WJZ-Jack Armstrong
- WABC-Cimarron Tavern-Sketch
- WMCA-News; Music
- WQXR-The Organ Loft
- 5:45-WEAF-Front Page Farrell
- WOR-Adventure of Tom Mix
- WJZ-Tennessee Jed
- WABC-Sparrow and the Hawk
- WQXR-Man About Town

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

- 6:00-WEAF-News; Concert Music
- WOR-Easy Aces-Sketch
- WJZ-News-Harry Marbis
- WMCA-News; Talks
- WQXR-News; Music to Remember
- 6:15-WOR-Bob Elson, Interviews
- WJZ-Ethel and Albert-Sketch
- WABC-Patti Clayton, Songs
- 6:30-WEAF-News; Dinner Music
- WOR-News; Fred Vandeventer
- WJZ-News; Sports Talk
- WABC-Gordon MacRae, Songs
- WMCA-Racing Results
- 6:40-WEAF-Sports-Bill Stern
- 6:45-WEAF-Lowell Thomas
- WOR-Sports-Slim Loman

- WJZ-Herr's Morgan
- WABC-Robert Trout, News
- WMCA-Sports Resume
- 7:00-WEAF-Supper Club, Variety
- WOR-Fulton Lewis Jr.
- WJZ-Headline Edition
- WABC-Lanny Ross, Show
- WMCA-News; Recorded Music
- WQXR-U. N. Summary; Music
- 7:15-WEAF-News of the World
- WOR-The Answer Man
- WJZ-Raymond Swing-News
- WABC-Jack Smith Show
- WMCA-Five-Star Final
- 7:30-WEAF-Bob Burns Comedy
- WOR-Arthur Hale
- WJZ-Professor Quiz
- WABC-Mr. Keen-Play
- WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh
- WQXR-Silhouettes in Tones
- 7:45-WOR-Sports-Bill Brandt
- WMCA-Dinah Shore Records
- WHN-Johannes Steel
- 8:00-WEAF-Burns and Allen Comedy
- WOR-Carrington Playhouse
- WJZ-Lum 'n' Abner
- WABC-Suspense-Play
- WMCA-News; U. N. Broadcast
- WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
- 8:15-WJZ-Mari Godwin, News
- 8:30-WEAF-Dinah Shore's Open House
- WOR-Rogue's Gallery
- WJZ-Town Meeting
- WABC-FBI in Peace and War
- WMCA-Halls of Congress
- 8:45-WABC-Bill Henry; News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

- 9:00-WEAF-Music Hall
- WOR-Gabriel Heister
- WABC-Kostelanets Orchestra, Lily Pons, Soprano
- WMCA-News; Labor Arbitration
- WQXR-World-Wide News Review
- 9:15-WAAT-(970 Kc)-Labor Views the News-Sponsored by UE-CIO
- 9:30-WEAF-Real Life Stories
- WQXR-Who's the Artist
- 9:45-WEAF-Jack Haley Show
- WOR-Treasure Hour of Song
- WJZ-Detect and Collect; Quiz
- WABC-Hobby Lobby
- WQXR-Cavalcade of Music
- 9:55-WJZ-Elmer Davis-News
- 10:00-WEAF-Abbott and Costello
- WOR-You Make the News
- WJZ-Curtain Time
- WABC-Island Venture
- WMCA-News; Music
- WQXR-News; Request Music
- 10:30-WEAF-Rudy Vallee Show
- WOR-The Symphonette
- WJZ-Herr's Morgan
- WABC-The Year One
- WMCA-Frank Kingdom
- 10:45-WJZ-Fantasy in Melody
- WMCA-Waltz Music
- 11:00-WEAF-News; Music
- WOR-News; Dance Music
- WJZ, WABC-News; Music
- WMCA-News; Recorded Music
- WQXR-News; Symphonic Hour
- 11:15-WABC-In My Opinion
- 11:30-WEAF-The Story of Music
- 12:00-WEAF, WJZ-News; Music
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- WQXR-News Reports

Cowley Contributes His Bit to Confusion

By SAMUEL SILLEN

NOBODY has come forward to deny the story that Editor Michael Straight of the New Republic has posted a sign in his office reading: CONFUSE THE READER.

Whether or not one considers this a superfluous sign in a New Republic office, the idea is illustrated in two recent articles by Malcolm Cowley on Walt Whitman.



Mr. Cowley argues that "our notions about the meaning of his (Whitman's) poetry and his prose and his philosophy will have to be revised in the light of the discoveries about him that have been made during the last twenty years." This seems an innocent enough statement. But the main "discovery" on which we must lay "the foundation for the revaluation that must soon be made" is that Walt Whitman was, Cowley insists, a homosexual.

This is not a daring or revolutionary approach, as Cowley seems to feel; it is one of the stale eggs of

American literary history. Ludwig Lewisohn once wrote off Whitman as "effeminate" and then went on to attack everybody who likes Whitman as "febrile and effeminate." The masses, said Lewisohn, turn away from Whitman with a "healthy instinct." And, conversely, some of Whitman's admirers, like John Addington Symonds, have tried to extol the poet on the same premise.

Cowley claims he has no intention of "attacking" Whitman; he merely wishes to "explain" him. He finds a key to the poet in the person of the Baron de Charlus, a character in Marcel Proust's novel. But this character, as Cowley will recall, develops into an image of depravity and corruption. If Whitman was really of the same "psychological type" as the Baron de Charlus, we shall have to do some fancy juggling to explain the vigor and sanity and sweep of Whitman's work.

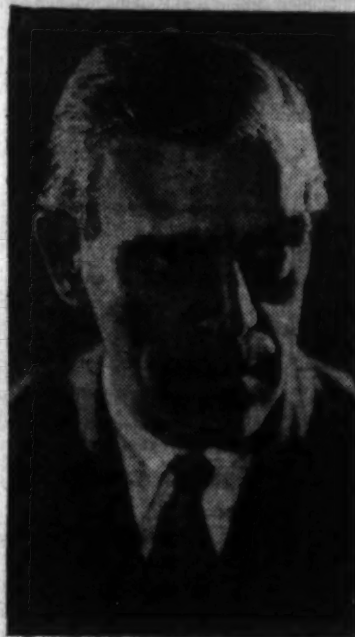
And Cowley does some fancy juggling. He concludes that "What was extraordinary about him was simply his poetic genius, which existed apart from the rest of his character, which spoke like a voice from the depths, and which he reversed in an impersonal spirit, like a priest worshipping at a shrine."

THIS is the most extraordinary theory of the creative process that I have ever read. If Whitman's "poetic genius . . . existed apart from the rest of his character," where did it exist? Was there a secret compartment in his brain? Was it a mystic emanation of his non-character?

The significance of Cowley's approach to Whitman—and his New York Times attack on the "left-wing nationalist" admirers of Whitman—must be related to his recent essay on Louis Aragon. Cowley, introducing Aragon's volume of war-writings, notes all sorts of things about the French poet except the fact, well known to Cowley, that Aragon is a Communist and that this fact does not exist "apart from the rest of his character."

The trouble with Cowley's thesis is that it blurs the social impulses and meanings of a poet like Whitman. Cowley says in effect that Whitman's democratic embrace is really a sexual embrace. This approach, whether or not Cowley specifically intends it, would dissolve the real meaning of Whitman's robust democratic spirit. That meaning cannot be located simply in the intimate details of his personality; it must be sought in the relation of this personality to the time in which he lived. Whitman was not merely expressing "himself"; he was also giving voice to powerful moods of American life, to the hopes, still unfulfilled, of the American people. If we try to reduce his poetry to a sexual symbolism, we miss the "multitudes" whom Whitman celebrated; we drain him of his large significance in American literary history.

Is it a lack of confidence in a democratic future that drives critics to divest the past of its democratic content, to explain away the passion for freedom that characterized our greatest writers?



BORIS KARLOFF

Horror With a Purpose

"BEDLAM," a screen play by Carlos Keith and Mark Robson, produced by Val Lewton, directed by Mr. Robson and presented by RKO-Radio Pictures at the Rialto Theater with following cast:

Master Sims	Boris Karloff
Nell Bowen	Anna Lee
Lord Mortimer	Billy House
Hannay	Richard Fraser
The Gilded Boy	Glenn Vernon
Sidney Tong	Ian Wolfe
Oliver Todd	Jason Robards
John Wilkes	Leland Hodgson
Dorothea the Dove	Joan Newton
Mistress Sims	Elizabeth Russell

Reviewed by LEE LAWSON

Set in 18th century London, RKO-Radio's "Bedlam" attempts to combine social reform with horror and is successful mainly with the latter.

St. Mary's of Bethlehem asylum for the insane, contracted to "Bedlam," is a hell hole of filth and terror, due to the corrupt administration of Master Sims (Boris Karloff.) When Nell Bowen (Anna Lee) a young protegee of Sims' patron Lord Mortimer (Billy House) tries to have the institution made more humane, Sims persuades Lord Mortimer to have her committed to the asylum. After a harrowing time, Nell is rescued by a handsome Quaker admirer, and Sims meets his just fate after being tried by the inmates he has so sorely mistreated.

Far above the usual level of "horror" films, "Bedlam" holds the audience's interest primarily because of the direction of John Berdy, who makes excellent use of camera and lighting to heighten and sharpen the films' historical setting. Unfortunately the dialogue often acts as a drag, mainly in the scenes between the Quaker and Nell. Karloff is his usual malevolent character, making Sims a believable overseer, particularly in the trial scene where he attempts to justify his acts of cruelty. Anna Lee has a little too much of a sameness throughout, always belligerent and clever, while Billy House makes Lord Mortimer the silly, empty headed aristocrat he is supposed to be.



Canada Lee, leading player and co-producer with Mark Marvin of On Whitman Avenue by Maxine Wood. This play has had a successful run in Buffalo and Detroit and is headed for New York.

Movie Notes

CHARLES BOYER, the noted film actor, writes in the April issue of the Hollywood Quarterly on the establishment in France of the Institute of Advanced Film Studies, a professional training school for careers in both the technical and creative branches of motion pictures.

Says Boyer: "The chief deficiency in motion pictures today arises from the fact that the majority of men and women in the industry entered this field by chance or through some fortuitous connection, without previous thought or preparation for the jobs they are called upon to fill. Up to now the only school for motion pictures has been the school of experience, attended to the detriment of quality in general film production, and, often enough, with little profit to the individual because he is not suited to the type of work he finally learns to do. Furthermore, the old hands in the business seldom have either time or the patience to train unpromising apprentices to their own levels of achievement, reached the hard way. If progress in films is to be made, the 'know-how' so painfully acquired by the motion picture masters of today must be passed along without the loss of years to producers, directors, actors and technicians of the future."

Jay Leyda, well known screen historian and critic urges the establishment of a film school in this country in the same issue of Hollywood Quarterly.

Says Leyda: "To maintain its leadership in the film world, the American film industry must see, and soon, the necessity of a film school, a school in which the industry's best people will be teachers, a school from which the industry will regularly absorb the best trained talents in all film crafts, a school whose standards will be established by more than commercial needs. The initiative may be taken by a university, by the producing companies, or by the combined guilds and unions of the film industry, but before the school is fully satisfactory and workable all three bodies will have to be participants in it. Time passes, and the more we lose of the present, the more we lose of the future."



CHARLES BOYER

All-Russian 'Saturday Concert'

An all-Russian program will be presented on Saturday Concert over WJZ-ABC on May 4, from 5 to 6 p.m. Josef Stopak will conduct the American Broadcasting Company Symphony Orchestra with Bronislav Gimpel, violinist, as soloist.

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In this corner

A Reader From L.A. Rushes To Jeff's Defense

By Bill Mardo

This corner recorded a conversation recently between Fred Ellis and Art Shields, wherein our two colleagues recalled the Johnson-Jeffries bout and reminisced at length the fist-fighting abilities of the former Negro heavyweight champ. It seems the column stirred up a hornet's nest in California, which happens to be Jim Jeffries' habitat. From out Los Angeles way came the following:

"Dear Mr. Mardo:

"Just read your column on 'Two Jack Johnson Fans Do a Bit of Reminiscing.' Those two Jack Johnson fans might do well to look up the record before making the statement that Johnson chased Jeffries all over the country trying to get a fight with him.

"In 1901 an unknown by the name of Jack Johnson was knocked out by Joe Cheyinski. In 1902 Johnson fought 15 battles, none of them of any particular importance. Jeffries at this time was at the peak of his career—Johnson didn't belong in the same ring with Jeff. In 1905 Johnson lost a 20-round decision to Marvin Hart at the Yosemite Athletic Club in San Francisco. By all that's reasonable, what right did Johnson have to a match with Jeffries for the title if he couldn't beat Marvin Hart?

"Jeffries retired in 1905 after passing the title to Hart, who beat Jack Root by a knockout in 12 rounds. Johnson tried for a match with Hart, but was refused because Hart had already beaten him. It was not until 1907 that Johnson attained his fighting perfection. On Dec. 26, 1908, he knocked out Tommy Burns in Sydney, Australia, in 14 rounds for the title. Your column states 'the great Negro champion had already been king for many, many years when old Jim Jeffries...' Johnson beat Jeffries on July 4, 1910, so he had been champion just a year and a half.

"This does not detract from Johnson's fighting ability—he was, without doubt, the greatest defensive fighter who ever pulled on a glove. As a man he was a disgrace to the profession and to his race. If you want to write about a great fighter, probably the finest heavyweight who ever stepped into a ring, and a gentleman, how about Peter Jackson?

"The record speaks for itself, and the night Hart beat Johnson, Jeffries could have whipped both of them in the same ring. Don't attempt to detract from Jim Jeffries' greatness—any man who could beat Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Sharkey, etc., could hardly be said to have been afraid of any man. I recall that Johnson boxed Sam Langford and then would never get into the same ring with him again.

"Yours for accuracy,

"A. M. LEVEY."

Tell you what we'll do, Mister Levey. Like that corner Rocky Graziano never goes to, we're "neutral" on this issue of Johnson versus Jeffries. But we do think it would make an interesting story if Jack Johnson himself were to answer some of the remarks you make. And so we're gonna pay "Little Arthur" a visit at the Hubert Museum on 42d St. tomorrow and let him take up the points you cover. How's that? And if you like, you can hike over to Jim Jeffries' place in your neck of the woods and get his side of the story.

But there's one portion of your letter, Mr. Levey, which we feel is poorly taken and rather unthinking for any reader of the progressive press. Namely, your statement that Johnson "was a disgrace to the profession and to his race."

You seem to forget that Johnson is a Negro, and during his heyday it was far more difficult to attain success and be popular with the powers that be than it even is for Negroes today. Nobody in the fight promotion business during Johnson's time liked the idea of a Negro being champion of the world. They didn't like digesting the elementary thought that a Negro was demonstrating in action the phoniness of white supremacy. They didn't like the idea of a Negro attaining wealth, of owning a car, operating a business. And so Jack Johnson was slandered and hounded from one end of the country to the other. He was jailed on so many phony charges, ranging from auto speeding to white slavery, that it would be naive of you to imagine he could've been guilty of them all. Johnson was far from being the immoral rake that most papers painted him in the early 1900's—and if he wasn't quite the conscious person outside the ring that, say, Joe Louis is today, so what?

Each person has to be judged on his own merits, and it's a serious error, indeed, Mr. Levey, to flatly call Johnson a disgrace to his people and profession without going any deeper into the facts and remembering the social-political atmosphere that prevailed when a Negro first became heavyweight champion of the world. As a matter of fact, Art Shields can tell you about the IWWers he's spoken to who spent time in prison with Johnson when the Negro fighter was jailed on a phony white slavery charge—and those ex-Wobblies swore by Johnson as a man and friend.

But so much for this aspect of your letter. We'll try to get Jack Johnson to deal with other points you make concerning his fight record.

LIP DENIES HE HIT FAN

Fiery Leo Durocher denied yesterday at his trial on an assault charge that he ever struck John Christian, a war veteran and fan who used to go out to Ebbets Field three or four times a week to heckle the Dodgers.

The Lip instead pictured himself as a manager who defended his players and would not stand

for insulting remarks from fans in the stands.

Four character witnesses testified for Durocher, including sports-writers Tom Meany and Bill Corum. If convicted, Durocher and Moore could be given a maximum sentence of five years in prison plus a heavy fine.

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At Boston:

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Gumpert, Marshall (4), Wade (7), and Robinson; Hughson, Bagby (5), Butland (7), Brown (8), Ryba (9), and H. Wagner, Partee (9). Winning pitcher, Gumpert. Losing pitcher, Hughson. Home run, York.

At Washington, D. C.:

Philadelphia ... 000 000 011—2 6 0
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Besse, Christopher (8), and Desautels; Scarborough, Haefner (9), and Evans. Winning pitcher, Scarborough. Losing pitcher, Besse. Home run, Peck.

At St. Louis:

Cleveland ... 000 000 050—5 7 0
St. Louis ... 000 000 001—1 5 1
Embre and Lollar; Galehouse, Kramer (8), and Ferens (9), and Mancuso. Losing pitcher, Galehouse.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

At Philadelphia:

Brooklyn ... 103 015 100—11 16 0
Philadelphia ... 200 100 000—3 8 1
Higbe, Gregg (4), and Anderson; Hoerst, Johnson (3), Lopatka (5), Pearson (8), Hemsley, Seminick (8). Winning pitcher, Gregg. Losing pitcher, Hoerst. Home runs, Reiser, Furillo.

At Cincinnati:

St. Louis ... 102 000 000—3 6 3
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Pollet and Rice; Blackwell, Fox (5), Lamber (6), Hetki (8), and Mueller. Losing pitcher, Blackwell.

At Pittsburgh:

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Blhorn, Chipman (3), and Schmitz (5), and Livingston; Sewell and Camelli. Losing pitcher,

Koslo Routed in 7th; Sanders, Holmes Homer

By C. E. DEXTER

In a typical Giant game, marked by loose pitching and fielding, the Boston Braves took the Giants into camp yesterday at the Polo Grounds, 10-7.

Mel Ott used five pitchers and spread the work among 19 of his hands, but nothing could stave off the concentrated late drive of the Bostonians.

For six innings the Giants, behind Dave Koslo, held a 4-3 lead, but in the seventh an error by Johnny Mize started Billy Southworth's team on its way. Ace Adams succeeded him in the eighth inning, only to be slaughtered. Ken Carpenter, Mike Budnick and Rube Fischer mopped up.

During all this base-running, big Ed Wright, the Boston right-hander, became tired, yielding to Don Hendrickson in an eighth-inning Giant rally marked by a Mize home run.

The Giants scored twice in the fourth on two walks and a single by Walker Cooper, good for two runs. Boston bounced back to tie the score in the fifth on a single by Whitey Weiteman, a walk, a forced-play and an error by Koslo on Sanders' grounder. The Braves took the lead in their sixth, scoring once on Weiteman's single and Wright's double, which was poorly played by Willard Marshall. Witek got a life on Ryan's fumble in the sixth, scoring when Mize socked a tremendous triple to the right centerfield bleachers. Johnny scored on Walker Cooper's third straight single, and the Giants took the lead again.

But this lead was short-lived. Hopp was safe in the seventh on Mize's fumble, he took second on Holmes' sacrifice, scoring on Sanders' single to right. A walk to Masi, plus singles by Roberge and

At New York:

Boston ... 000 021 340—10 14 3
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Wright, Hendrickson (8), Posedel (9), and Masi; Koslo, Carpenter (7), Adams (8), Budnick (8), Fischer (9), and W. Cooper. Winning pitcher, Wright. Losing pitcher, Koslo. Home runs, Holmes, Sanders, Mize.

Weiteman, were good for two more runs and sent Koslo to the showers. In the eighth, against Adams, Ryan walked, Hopp lined a double off the rightfield wall, scoring Ryan and tallying himself behind Holmes' home run in the upper rightfield stands. Adams retired in favor of Budnick, whose first pitch was blasted into the lower rightfield stands by Sanders.

In the eighth inning Rigney singled, taking third on Witek's double to right. Mize hit a mile-high fly which just dropped into the rightfield stands.

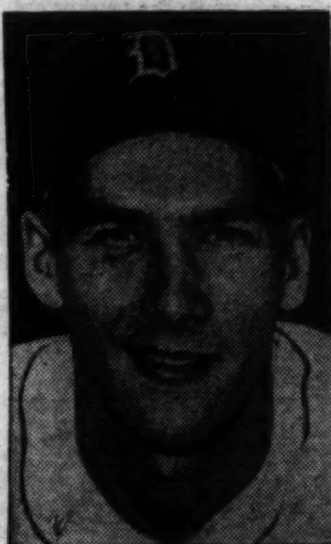
The game, witnessed by 13,670 fans, was featured by headsup play by the Braves. Southworth has them running in the old Cardinal style, taking extra bases when the outfielders loaf on hits. They achieved four double-plays, including a rare first-to-short-to-pitcher killing, and otherwise showed the careful training by the Old Man Maestro. . . . The Giants' vaunted power is certainly there, but unfortunately Mize, Cooper and Young cannot go to bat every inning.

Monte Kennedy, the rookie from Richmond, will make his first start against big Bill Lee today.

THE 'HEAT'S ON' FOR BALLPLAYERS

A Wall Street business man named Paul Gayne has brought into sports a wartime gadget which he says is a cinch to take all the sore arms out of baseball and the charley horses out of football.

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during the war, which will keep the muscles of a perspiring athlete at an even temperature no matter how long he sits on a cold bench before returning to the field to give his all.

Hal Newhouse of the Detroit Tigers is a pioneer user of the Gayne "Hot Shirt" in baseball and he swears by it to the extent of predicting it will help him win "from three to five additional games this season."

Whenever an outlet is available in or near the dugout, Hal plugs in his electric shirt. Once his arm has been warmed up by pre-game

throwing or actual pitching in a game his worries are over. So are those of manager Steve O'Neill, for whom Newhouse won 54 games in 1944 and 1945 and twice was named Most Valuable Player in the American League.

Harrison (Doc) Weaver, veteran St. Louis Cardinals' trainer, hopes to persuade all national league clubs to insta wa pugs in their dugouts so the Cards can adopt the gadget. Manager Frank Frisch of the Pittsburgh Pirates and acting manager George (Mule) Haas of the Chicago White Sox have been in touch with Gayne on the subject, and Jimmy (Rip) Collins, Manager of the Albany Senators, already has placed an order for six units.

Gayne thinks sore arms are just as likely to be developed off the field as on.

In 1939, an electric suit for Navy divers was tested for the first time during salvage operations when the submarine Squalus sank off Portsmouth, N. H. Navy and army pilots, as well as divers, used them extensively throughout the war.

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Press Roundup

THE DAILY MIRROR Washington Merry-Go-Round (Drew Pearson) names four representatives who are responsible for blocking passage of the Wyatt Housing program. "Four of the seven House conferees—Republicans Wolcott and Crawford of Michigan, and Gamble of New York, plus Democrat Brown of Georgia—served notice they would make a bitter fight against the \$600,000,000 subsidies. . . . They are members of the 14-man joint conference committee. All seven Senators and three of the representatives are agreed on the measure."

THE POST'S Harold L. Ickes says: "Encouraged by the administration's willingness to compromise its hold-the-line policy, and the fiasco in the House, a bloc of Senators comprising a fifth of that awe-inspiring body has organized itself to bring about the abolition of OPA. Others have been trying to amend it to death as did the House. The 'bulges' in the price line, permitted by the administration, created the situation where 'inflation is no longer a threat. It has been emerging as a reality for some time.'"

THE HERALD TRIBUNE still clings to the logical position that success of the UN depends on agreement among the big powers. It criticizes Michael Foot, British "Laborite," who believes, "It is a mistake to regard the Persian settlement as a victory for the United Nations. . . . The Russians have gained most of their objectives." The Tribune asks: "How could the United Nations ever win a victory against Russia, which is not only an integral part, but one of the three largest and most essential parts, of the United Nations?" Furthermore, "the United Nations will never come into existence as anything save a misleading name" unless it finds common ground for Soviet and western viewpoints, "a resolution for their conflicts."

THE TIMES still believes that little Iran does not have the right to withdraw its case from the Council agenda. While criticizing Justice Roberts' attack on UN under the guise of supporting a world movement, the Times agrees with Robert's "indictment of UN:

"The success of UN does depend on the ability of three great Powers to work together." According to the Times that's a weakness of UN. But it does reveal the real anti-Soviet intent behind Roberts' proposed world government: "Which is not in fact a world government, but merely one part of the world organized to 'defend' itself against the other part."

THE DAILY NEWS continues its campaign against sending food to Europe in order to punish those who fought against Hitler.

PM's Ralph Ingersoll believes "the loan to Britain should be made; and a loan to Russia, too—If Russia still wants credit to buy from us. . . . Our three systems can find a way to live at peace together."

Victor H. Bernstein hints that one reason for failure to prosecute German industrialists, who sponsored Hitler is that "certain Anglo-American circles and possibly some French which would be very much embarrassed by the evidence that might be brought to light in the trials of German industrialists."

THE WORLD TELEGRAM'S Mrs. Roosevelt pleads for increased food relief to Poland and Yugoslavia. "Yugoslavia, whose fight against fascism was of great importance at a crucial time for the Allies, perhaps is among those nations facing the greatest need at present for both food and medical care for her children and adult population."

THE SUN says even though the Soviet Union and Iran found a peaceful mutually satisfactory agreement they have no right to withdraw the case from the UN Council agenda. It scoffs at the idea that "plaintiff and defendant may settle their affair out of court." If the Sun bothered to look up the facts it would learn that the Council previously ASKED Iran and the Soviet Union to reach an agreement out of court. But the Anglo-American bloc wasn't satisfied with having a rigged court; it wanted to prosecute the Soviet Union, not a peaceful settlement of the case.

Chiang Postpones Assembly; Chou Holds Him Responsible

CHUNGKING, April 24 (UP).—Chiang Kai-shek today postponed indefinitely the first meeting of China's National Assembly, scheduled to convene May 5 in Nanking to approve a new Chinese constitution. He blamed opposition parties whom he said failed

to name delegates. The Communist daily newspaper published a letter from Communist Gen. Chou En-lai to the government committee saying the Communists "cannot consider the problem of submitting nameless nominees to the National Government Assembly."

"If existing problems are unresolved—guarantee of human rights, reorganization of the State Council and Executive Yuan, revision of the constitution, and duties of the National Assembly—the responsibility for postponing the Assembly should be the government's," the letter said.

Information Minister K. C. Wu disclosed Chiang's action, which came as Gen. George C. Marshall held an intensive series of conferences with Communist and Kuomintang leaders.

MARSHALL TO SEE CHOU

Marshall was scheduled to meet with Chou En-lai and Chiang at separate sessions today and then call the truce committee of three into session later in the day in an effort to reach final agreement.

Amid these developments the newspaper Takungpao, regarded as close to Chiang, said the govern-

ment, as reported previously, was "finally prepared" to abandon the Manchurian arsenal city of Harbin to Communist forces who are prepared to move in tomorrow when the Russians withdraw.

SHANGHAI, April 24 (UP).—The Communist radio at Yenan said today that all five American and two Chinese correspondents in Changchun are safe.

"All are safe and sound under the protection and care of local popular forces," the broadcast said.

Tells How Red Army Gls Fare

Soviet labor wants friendship and cooperation with the American people, John Abt, general counsel of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers told a Carnegie Hall audience Tuesday night at a meeting sponsored by the Citizens Political Action Committee. Abt rapped the leaders of the APL for joining "the fomenters of American-Soviet ill-will enmit." Having toured the Soviet Union as a members of a CIO delegation last winter, Abt reminded the American people:

"A short year ago, the men of the Red Army were meeting our own American boys at Torgau Bridge on the Elbe, and symbolizing in their warm handshake the firm coalition of our nations that brought us victory over fascism."

Reporting his observations made in the Soviet Union Abt described the demobilization of Red Army men:

"At a district demobilization center I watched the process of restoring them to civilian life. In the course of the forty minutes that this process takes, every Red Army man is offered an almost bewildering choice of peace-time jobs."

Abt explained that with the reduction of the work day in the Soviet Union to eight hours, from the overtime worked during the war, Soviet workers received equal or more take-home pay now despite the cut in hours.

CHINA DEMOCRATS ASK U.S. HOLD UP LOAN TO CHIANG

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Central University; Chiang Chun Tien, member of the central committee of the Democratic Socialist Party; Ou Wal-loo, the philosopher, and Chow Ching-wen, director of the Northeast Chinese association.

Other signers included Fung Nai Chao, director of the Chinese Writers Association, Pan Shu, Yang Hui, Chin Shan Pao, Chen Pei Chong and Kan Tuo, professors at Central University; Chou Ku Cheng and Hung Shen, Fu Tan University professors; Miss Shih liang, Lin Chung-yi and Lin Han-yuan, lawyers; Ba China and Mao Tun, novelists, and Wang Chi and Tang Has-shen, artists.

Export-Import Bank Admits Work on Loan

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The Export-Import Bank denied knowledge of reported plans for a two-billion-dollar loan for Chiang Kai-shek, but admitted its staff has been "working intensively" on a Chinese application for \$500,000,000.

This application was filed last October and, to date, six separate credits amounting to \$67,000,000 have been approved, the Daily Worker was informed by a representative of the bank.

These include credits for the purchase of raw cotton, ships, small power plants, coal mining equipment, and railroad equipment. The ships had already been purchased and delivered when the two credits covering their sale were approved, he said.

AWAIT MARSHALL OK

It was the contention of this officer that the Export-Import Bank would make no substantial loan or establish further large credits for China until the civil war was stopped and internal stability established. He admitted, however, that the bank had not discontinued work on the \$500,000,000 application.

In fact, it was generally believed in informed circles that the release of the remaining \$500,000,000 for Chiang awaited only an OK from General Marshall. During his recent visit to Washington, the President's special envoy was known to have felt that China's need for dollar credits was very urgent.

Marshall contends that it is possible to prevent the use of these dollar credits to military purposes by Chiang. But opponents of the Kuomintang regime point out that any aid to Chiang will strengthen him in civil war against the Chinese people. The ships, cotton, and rail equipment which he secured under credits already granted have been immensely helpful to his reactionary regime.

Rieve Adds to Anti-Soviet Clamor In Opening of CIO Textile Parley

Special to the Daily Worker

ATLANTIC CITY, April 24.—Delegates to the Textile Workers Union today listened to an opening speech by president Emil Rieve which red-baited and attacked the Soviet Union along the pattern set by Churchill.

The union will undoubtedly be on the receiving end of this same kind of red-baiting as its drive to organize Southern cotton workers rolls on and begins to pinch the shoes of Dixie's bourgeois.

Passage of a resolution asking the Senate to pass the 65-75 cents an hour minimum wage bill without crippling amendments and a demand that crippled war veterans be allowed to stay in Atlantic City's hospital, were the only convention decisions outside committee organization.

Delegates are looking forward to the speech of CIO President Philip Murray tomorrow morning.

Rieve's international policy enunciated in 2,000 words, is a combination of Churchill, Byrnes, Vandenberg and Norman Thomas "socialism" of which he was an adherent for a long time.

Rieve said he is opposed to "imperialism and balance of power politics whether they are practiced by England or Russia or any other nation," he preferred to place his "faith in the United Nations." The

Soviet is often "misunderstood" and we often "misunderstand" he said. Rieve even went back to the days when America and Britain sent troops into Russia to smash the Soviet regime to justify the USSR's suspicion.

BLAMES SOVIETS

Rieve then proceeded to blame the USSR for causing "misunderstanding" by her preachment of world revolution and by the antics of communists in this country.

Rieve drew from the bottoms of heart's journalistic sewers for a description of a Soviet people kept in ignorance. He cited as proof a supposed-story from an unnamed foreign correspondent who said he sought to see Pravda's editorial department when in the Soviet Union, but "there was no editorial department because all the news came from the state," said Rieve.

Another gem from Rieve was the assertion that Soviet democracy is "not one speck better" than Hitler's Nazism.

Rieve went to considerable effort to picture a Soviet "imperialism" by expressing full accord with the ex-

iled anti-Soviet Poles and joining the chorus against Yugoslavia's government.

Rieve hadn't a word on the situation in Greece, Indonesia, Egypt, the Philippines and other lands occupied by allied forces. After thus describing his policy, he said:

"I believe that the current course which Mr. Truman and Mr. Byrnes have launched upon is a good one."

In another part of his speech, Rieve ran into opposition of some of his socialist supporters who in recent days have been pressing for a "third party." He declared his opposition to a third party, without qualifying as others do, that such a party could be possible when a real base developed for it with major labor backing.

The part of Rieve's speech that evoked some enthusiasm and cheers was on the plans for a Southern drive. This is obviously the principal issue here. Many delegates have been quite critical of the national leadership for failure to do an energetic organizing job in the South during the war.

Nor do many delegates take Mr. Rieve's impressive statistics of wage gains too seriously. Wages of textile workers have always been so low that percentage increases still leave them at the lowest levels.

UN Gets Franco Question Today; National Demand for Break Rises

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Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko challenging its good faith and charging charter violations, voted to continue the Iranian case on the agenda, despite the fact that all major questions between the USSR and Iran have been settled by agreement.

Gromyko stated his government would boycott any further discussions of Iran in the Council.

When Stettinius takes his seat in the Hunter College Security Council chamber this afternoon, he will have before him demands from all over the nation that the U. S. government take initiative to end the Franco regime.

WIDESPREAD PROTEST

Among those calling for an immediate U. S. break of relations with fascist Spain are Philip Murray, CIO president; Reinhold Niebuhr, Union for Democratic Action; Harry A. Atkinson, Church Peace Union; Elmer Benson, National Citizens' Political Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; William L. Shirer, Friends of the Spanish Republic; Raymond Swing, Americans United for World Organization; Freda Kirchwey and Frank P. Graham, the Nation Associates.

Senator Claude Pepper of Florida has called for British, U. S., French, USSR occupation of Spain if Franco should refuse to step down. Twelve

members of the House of Representatives have called for an immediate break of U. S. diplomatic relations with fascist Spain.

UN Indonesia Probe Sought

Rep. Ellis E. Patterson (D-Cal) has introduced a resolution in the House (HR 603) calling on the State Department to work for United Nations Security Council disapproval of Indonesian-Netherlands negotiations while British, Dutch and Japanese troops are in the islands.

Rep. Patterson's action was announced yesterday by the American Committee for Indonesian Independence, 28 W. 26 St. In addition, the resolution urges the United States to withhold further shipments of war material to Britain and the Netherlands for use in Indonesia, to ask the British and Dutch to remove their troops and to press for a UN investigation of the disarming of Japanese troops in Indonesia.

The committee urged organizations and individuals to express support for the resolution in messages to Rep. Sol Bloom (D-NY), chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee.

Trusts 'Sweat Out' War--at 9½ Billion a Year

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP).—Despite high war-time taxes, profits of all industries after taxes averaged \$9,400,000,000 in the war years 1942-45, two and a half times the average peace-time annual earnings, the Commerce Department reported to-night.

Corporation profits last year after taxes were estimated at \$9,100,000,000, a drop of 7 percent from the \$9,800,000,000 figure for 1944, Gardner F. Derrickson, of the national income division, said.

Writing in "Survey of Current Business," department publication, he pointed out that corporate profits after taxes reached

the record peak of \$9,900,000,000 in 1943, one-fifth higher than corporate earnings in the boom year 1929. Profits before taxes were two and a half times greater in 1943 than in 1929.

Corporate savings from 1941 through 1945 amounted to \$25,000,000,000, a sum that will permit a high volume of capital

expansion without turning to outside funds, Derrickson said.

Net dividend payments during the war period, 1941-45, he said, were less than half of profits after taxes, and reached a war peak of \$4,500,000,000 in 1945, which was \$1,200,000,000 less than was paid out in 1929.

Halt Anti-Sovietism In UN, Civil Service Union Urges Truman

By GEORGE MORRIS

ATLANTIC CITY, April 24.—Delegates to the merged convention of CIO government employees today called upon the Truman administration and Congress to "halt the present policy of attempting to isolate the Soviet Union in the UN and world affairs."

The resolution, adopted unanimously by the 600 delegates of the former State, County and Municipal and the United Federal workers further called for a meeting of the "heads of the Big Three" and re-establishment of friendly relations with the USSR "by word and deed."

Warning that powerful influences are attempting to drive a wedge in the United Nations "for the purpose of furthering their imperialist ambitions," the resolution called for withdrawal of Allied troops from China, the Philippines, France, Greece, India, Indonesia, Belgium and Iceland.

A policy of "UN Regulation and control of all phases of atomic energy, including immediate possession of all atomic bombs," is another demand in the resolution.

"The unity of Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States was the foundation for the military defeat of fascism, and the continuing unity is absolutely essential if the United Nations is to provide a sound and lasting peace," says the resolution.

Adoption came after a lively discussion evoked by a speech of one delegate, who suggested that the Soviet Union be asked to withdraw troops from countries of Eastern Europe, adding that failure to do so would support the claims of reactionaries that the CIO is "Communist."

FOES KEEP TROOPS

Dan Allan, of the New York SCWMA Council, among the speakers who replied, noted that the very ones who are so persistent in keeping troops in Greece, Indonesia, Iceland and the other countries are doing so in the face of Soviet withdrawal of troops from Iran and Manchuria. "Our gallant ally has in effect been reclassified as virtually an enemy," said Allan. "But we were not consulted on this reclassification."

Allan, who was recently discharged from the Army, said the war isn't over, because fascism still lives in many groups that our troops are keeping in strategic positions in Germany and Italy.

"This is not a denazification," he added.

Another speaker pointed out that no matter what progressive steps a labor organization takes, the Red cry is immediately raised against it.

Other resolutions passed called upon Congress to pass real price control legislation without crippling provisions, and directed all locals to launch a campaign of active pressure to save OPA.

On motion from the floor, the convention expressed full support for the fight of disabled veterans against Atlantic City business interests, who want them removed from this seaside resort.

ASK 18½c BOOST

Another resolution called upon conferees of both Houses on a wage bill for federal workers, to grant increases of no less than 18½ percent. This would add some \$30,000,000 to the \$380,000,000 that the

contemplated raise would require. Earlier the convention received a message from President Truman in which he expressed regret for his inability to attend, but he wrote:

"It is my firm belief that we cannot attract and hold in the government service the best qualified persons unless our Federal government and our State, county and municipal governments become known as the most progressive employers in the nation."

"Government, as an employer, should not be permitted to lag behind the procession insofar as payment of adequate salaries is concerned. That is why in the past few months we have been urging the Congress of the United States to provide for an equitable percentage increase in the salaries of Federal workers and, at the same time, to provide for a higher salary ceiling for the top officials in the legislative, judicial and executive branches. The goals which we have set must, in my judgment, be reached if the people of this nation are to receive the maximum of service from their government."

"And, in addition to providing adequate salaries, Government, as an employer, must also provide working conditions which are second to none."

"All our citizens will welcome any contributions which your organization can make to the achievement of these goals."

FORMALLY OK MERGER

The convention of the two unions came together this morning amidst high enthusiasm and signing final approval of the merger by unanimous vote, came last night at the convention of the SCWMA.

Spirited ovations greeted the introduction of the joint body of each of the executive board members and officers of the two unions. Abram Flaxer, President of the SCWMA, presided. A constitution committee, now working on the laws for the new organization, will bring in a new name tomorrow.

Among the many greetings received today were cabled from Bryn Roberts of Britain's National Union of Public Employees, and Walter Schevenels, Assistant Secretary of the World Federation of Trade Unions. Their suggestion that a WFTU department of public services be formed was warmly approved.

30,000 Hit Rankin Comm.

Thirty thousand signatures have been signed to petitions calling for the abolition of the Wood-Rankin Un-American Committee, it was announced yesterday by Veterans Against Discrimination.

The four page scroll contains a reproduction of committee counsel Ernie Adamson's letter to the veterans saying that "this country was not organized as a democracy."

Copies of the petition will be presented to the House of Representatives early in May.

Capital Pickets Mark 100th Day of Westinghouse Strike

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The 100th day of the Westinghouse Corp. strike of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, was observed here today with picketing of company offices. UE has named the current week "Make Westinghouse Settle Week."

Forty pickets from the Baltimore Radio and X-Ray Division of Westinghouse gave non-industrial Washington one of its rare chances to see labor in action.

Among picket line slogans were: "GE and GM settled with UE-CIO for 18.5 cents. Why is Westinghouse out of step?" and "75,000 UE-CIO Westinghouse workers—100 days of strike for 18.5 cents."

Roving picket lines in Times Square, Chicago's loop and main centers of other cities yesterday also brought strike issues to the public.

In New York, a picket line was maintained from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the company's executive offices at 40 Wall St. The Times Square evening picket line was sponsored by the City CIO.

In Philadelphia, Westinghouse strikers and their friends chartered an airplane to fly over the city with a gigantic sign "Make Westinghouse Settle."

Negotiations continued for the fifth day yesterday in Pittsburgh between the company and the union but no progress was reported.

The union demands an 18½ cent hourly increase, the amount fixed by the government as a pattern for the electrical industry nationally. The company has offered a 9.7 cent increase for 65,000 workers. Ten thousand lamp workers would receive no increase at all, under the company offer.

The Westinghouse strike is the longest of its size in the history of the electrical industry and one of the longest in mass production in the country.

Westinghouse Heads Cut \$3 Million Mellon

Directors of the strikebound Westinghouse Electric Corp. celebrated the 100th day of the walk-out yesterday by cutting a \$3,150,000 Mellon to give stockholders a 25-cent per share dividend.

Directors had to walk through a crowd of over 500 pickets, including wives and children of strikers, to get to executive offices at 40 Wall St. to vote on what to do with the profits. Children in the line carried empty milk bottles and placards pleading for raises for daddy.



SAVE OPA the nation demands in letters to its legislators as Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky), Senate majority leader, and a Senate secretary, Dorothy Kleinhau, find in examining the flood of mail which runs as high as 99-1 in favor of price control.

Clamp Down on Europe Gls

Military discipline will be tightened among American troops in Europe following an order issued by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney the United Press reported from Frankfurt yesterday.

That more than formal discipline was involved in the order could be noted in the decision to clamp on GI gripes and complaints.

McNarney listed increased black market activities, drunkenness, high AWOL (absent without official leave) rate, increased venereal rate.

McNarney cited less "concern of officers for the welfare of their men" as one source of disciplinary difficulty.

Polltax Holdup

A total of 371,335 poll taxes were paid in Arkansas for the 1946 elections.

Strike in Rail Express Agency Is Called Off

A Railway Express Agency strike, set for 12:01 a.m. today, was called off yesterday when President Truman issued an executive order creating a board of three members

to investigate the dispute between the company and the AFL Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks.

Ten thousand in six Brotherhood lodges were to have struck in the New York area, 24 hours ahead of a national walkout of 65,000 in a fight for a 16-cent hourly wage increase.

However, after President Truman acted, George M. Harrison, union president, directed suspension of the strike call and ordered lodges already out to return to the job, officials here said. Agency employees in Detroit struck Monday, paralyzing freight deliveries.

Under provisions of the Railway Labor Act, the board, appointed by the President, has 30 days in which to announce its findings, and no strike may be called for 30 days after it makes its report to the President.

Mr. Truman issued the executive order while on his yacht, but did not name its three members.

The Brotherhood's 16-cent demand corresponds to an award given other non-operating railroad unions in recent national arbitration proceedings.

REMOVED FROM TALKS

Harrison months ago arbitrarily pulled the railway express workers out of the non-operating unions' negotiations and arbitrations in which the Brotherhood has participated for years. Instead, he initiated separate negotiations with the agency, demanding a 15-cent hourly wage increase and a 5-cent additional raise, where needed to bring rates up to those in Philadelphia and Chicago, eliminating a differential.

The 15-cent demand was scored by members as inadequate since wartime increases won by the Brotherhood totaled only 15 percent

as against a 40 percent increase in the cost of living.

After Harrison put forward the 15-cent demand, non-operating unions collectively began a fight for a 30-cent hourly pay raise which workers said came much closer to closing the gap between wages and living costs. It was that fight which concluded with the arbitration award of 16 cents, one cent more than the figure that Harrison originally demanded for the Railway Express Agency workers.

Arthur Grace, vice-general chairman of the union, said yesterday that the company's highest offer so far, a 10-cent hourly raise, had been rejected and followed by a strike vote. Workers take the view that Harrison's separate negotiations and presentation of the 15-cent demand prompted the agency's low offer.

VOTE STRIKE

The vote in the six Brotherhood lodges in the New York area was overwhelmingly for a walkout, Grace said.

The six lodges here cover the Jersey shore, New York City and Long Island.

"The average pay of our members, after deductions, is from \$36 to \$38 a week, Grace said. "We can't get by on that."

Teamsters Local 808, which represents agency drivers in this area, said they would refuse to work if the strike was called.

How It's Done

CHICAGO, April 24 (UP).—Cattle sold at below-ceiling prices today at the Chicago stockyards for the first time in two months. Spokesmen for the packing industry attributed the decrease to the drive against the eastern black market.

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